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Late King Abdul Aziz bin Abdul Rahman Al Saud and at left a new Saudi generation in the making.

48 years ago today

The birthday of a Kingdom

JEDDAH, Sept. 23 — The Kingdom celebrates its birthday Monday, marking 48 years since its establishment by King Abdul Aziz bin Abdul Rahman Al Saud.

The King's proclamation of the new Kingdom on Sept. 24, 1932 marked the triumph of his 30 year fight to unite and consolidate the country, a fight which not only pitted him against well-entrenched enemies but against the centuries old traditions of banditry and lawlessness here.

His proclamation of the united Kingdom of Saudi Arabia meant that the King had been successful in many of his aims: he had restored internal security, firmly established his own authority and made Saudi Arabia one of the safest places in the world in which to live.

His next mission, which was to occupy the King for 21 more years until his death in 1953, was to modernize the state he had founded without violating the tenets of

Islam or compromising the traditions of his conservative people.

At first this was to be accomplished without the oil revenues the Kingdom today is so used to receiving. Oil was found during the first decade of his rule over a united Saudi Arabia, but it was only with the end of World War II that it produced any great revenues.

When King Abdul Aziz died the country's oil wealth had grown so large that they amounted to 2,000 times the pre-oil budget estimates for the whole Kingdom.

Twenty-six years later that Kingdom is in the midst of a development plan calling for the spending over five years of nearly 500 billion riyals, or 500 times what government yearly spending had been in the early and mid 1950s.

Forty-eight years ago there were hardly any roads worthy of the name in the country, and medical and educational facilities

were primitive. Today there are 12,000 kilometers of paved highways and thousands of well-equipped schools and hospitals.

The government's program of making cash available to Saudis to build what their country needs has seen the skylines of old cities change beyond recognition and new cities mushroom from the sands of the desert.

In the last five years, development in the country has been called the largest construction boom since the rebuilding of West Germany after World War II. Some observers say the one here is larger.

Whatever the case, it would be hard to duplicate the results elsewhere. The Kingdom launched 48 years ago is today one of the few in the world to combine political stability, personal security, and prosperity for its citizens on an unprecedented scale.

Sadat alleges

'Saudi Arabia, Iraq lead anti-Egyptian campaign'

CAIRO, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — President Anwar Sadat Sunday alleged that Saudi Arabia and Iraq were leading an Arab campaign to starve Egypt and force a change of government in Cairo.

In an interview with the weekly magazine *October*, Sadat also said that Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini had kindled hatred and bitterness and had shed the blood of Muslims in Iran and Iraq.

Sadat claimed the scheme to "starve and humiliate the Egyptians until they get rid of their leadership" was planned by (Saudi Crown Prince) Fahd and (Iraqi President) Saddam (Hussein).

He said he would soon call for a national debate in Egypt aimed at deciding on a new form of relations with the other Arab states.

"We must define positions of all Arab parties and their accomplishment for the Palestinian problem, including the attitudes of the Palestinians themselves," Sadat said. "The Egyptian people will then define the kind of

relationship that should exist" with the Arab states.

Referring to Iran, Sadat alleged Ayatollah Khomeini "has filled people with hatred and bitterness and kindled dissension between men of religion, terrorized the Gulf states and shed blood of the Shi'ites in Iran and Iraq."

He claimed Iran would not enjoy security in the next 10 years and predicted unrest in Dubai because most of its citizens were Iranians.

Sadat also said Sunday he would take up Israel's new policy of selling occupied land to private citizens the next time he meets with Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

Egypt has "strongly condemned" the new policy as an obstacle in the ongoing talks on Palestinian autonomy. But Sadat disagreed with a reporter's suggestion that last week's Israeli cabinet decision constituted a "slap in the face" for Egypt and the other Arabs.

"It is not a slap or I would have acted," Sadat told reporters after a meeting with U.S. Ambassador to Cairo Alfred Atherton.

Israelis cross border

Four killed in Lebanese feud

BEIRUT, Sept. 23 (AP) — Four persons were killed and eight wounded Sunday when several shells slammed into the northern town of Amioun dispersing a crowd commemorating the death of its civil war martyrs, Voice of Lebanon radio said.

The radio, organ of the Christian right-wing Phalangist party said the sound of explosions could be heard from outside the town as the shells impacted on the ground.

Beirut Radio, which reported the same incident said the number of casualties was still undetermined, adding that the situation was very tense in the town, 50 kilometers north of the capital.

Voice of Lebanon radio claimed the shells

came from positions in the northern village of Koura, which is now mainly under the control of Popular Syrian Party and Syrian forces of the Arab deterrent force.

The radio said the crowds assembled in Amioun were attending a ceremony in memory of the town's martyrs, who fell during the Lebanese civil war.

Relations between Christian northern families and villages broke down into inter-feudal bickering and vendetta killings last summer.

Tension between northern families was triggered by the slaying of deputy Tony Frangieh, his wife, baby daughter and several dozen supporters on the hands of Phalangist gunmen in his summer residence of Ehden, last year.

He was the son of former Lebanese President Suleiman Frangieh.

In the south Beirut radio also said Sunday several Israeli armored vehicles have crossed the border heading for the southern Lebanese village of Kfar Kila.

It said the vehicles headed there to join a number of Israeli vehicles already stationed in the village, just across the frontier.

The radio also said forests in the border village of Kfar Hamam, in the eastern sector, came under intermittent Israeli shelling Sunday.

Three Israeli gunboats were seen Sunday off the coast near the port city of Tyre, the radio added.

Taraki alive

KABUL, Sept. 23 (R) — The new leader of Afghanistan said Sunday that former President Nur Muhammad Taraki was still alive but was too sick to serve as head of state.

Hafizullah Amin, who took over power on September 16, was asked at a press conference about speculation that Taraki was among those killed in gun battles.

National Day

King lauds accomplishments

RIYADH, Sept. 23 (SPA) — King Khaled Sunday pledged all the government's resources to the service of the Saudi people and to upholding religious and moral values.

In a statement released here marking the 48th anniversary of the establishment of Saudi Arabia the King said adherence to the tenets of Islam is necessary to ensure the continued progress and prosperity of the Kingdom.

He recalled that when King Abdul Aziz bin Abdul Rahman Al Saud proclaimed the state in 1932 it was founded on the ideals of peace, religious purity and prosperity.

"We have to follow in his footsteps," King Khaled said.

In the message, he emphasized the country's religious background and said that the gift of Islam was one of God's greatest blessings on the Saudi state.

"The Koran and the Traditions of the Prophet will always be the source of power and legislation in this country until the end of time," he said. "With Islam and the Traditions we shall achieve the progress, development and prosperity we seek."

He paid tribute to the country's founder, saying that while he was short of money and other resources 48 years ago, King Abdul Aziz combined an abiding belief in God, a clear and noble objective and the twin weapons of patience and perseverance to achieve his goals.

"It is our duty now to do likewise and cherish the memory and career of the founder," King Khaled said.

He said the country has made enormous strides in the 48 years since his father's proclamation of the united Kingdom, culturally, medically, socially and economically.

"For this reason and in order to achieve our goals, we must adhere to our religious and moral values at all costs. Without these pillars we shall not succeed," he said.

Crown Prince Fahd, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah, and Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani — the acting information minister — also issued statements on the day.

Prince Fahd said Saudi Arabia has attained a distinguished position in the world because of its stable foreign policy.

He characterized that policy as one of neighborliness and the defense of Arab rights — most notably the defense of Palestinian rights — and said the Kingdom's policies have rallied Arab and Muslim states to its call for Islamic solidarity.

Internally, Prince Fahd said, the country has made great strides, and is now embarked on a determined campaign to diversify its income.

Saudi Arabia has placed its resources into social and economic development and measures to insure the country's prosperity and security, he said.

Prince Abdullah said the Kingdom's great-

est accomplishment has been its ability to use the resources of its people in its development.

All of this has taken place within the framework of the Sharia, he said.

"Today, more than ever, we are urged to exercise a role for our nation which causes our brothers to see the righteousness of our cause," he said.

Paying tribute to King Abdul Aziz, he said he hoped that on Saudi Arabia's next anniversary its people would be able to celebrate the recovery of Arab and Islamic territories and holy places.

Sheikh Yamani said the importance of today for the Kingdom is not to mark its independence from any foreign domination but rather to celebrate a sacred day of unity under the banner of Islam.

"King Abdul Aziz unified this fragmented country and his children Saud, Faisal and Khaled have continued the march toward construction and development," he said.



CALLS ON KING: Sheikh Zayed Bin Sultan, president of the United Arab Emirates calls on King Khaled at his residence in Geneva Saturday.

Fahd, Stanfield hold talks

JEDDAH, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — Crown Prince Fahd Sunday discussed Canadian-Arab relations with special envoy Robert Stanfield.

No details of the precise nature of their talks were released, but Stanfield is here as part of a Middle Eastern tour designed to

assess Arab reaction to Prime Minister Joe Clark's plan to move Canada's embassy in Israel to Jerusalem.

The plan to move the embassy was a campaign promise made by Clark last spring, but since he took office it has been condemned by all Arab states.

Sunday's meeting was also attended by Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah and Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal.

Stanfield had talked Saturday with Prince Saud, and after those discussions he said his country wants its decision on whether to go through with the embassy transfer "to contribute to the achievement of peace in the area."

Clark sent him as a special envoy to Arab states following the overwhelming condemnation of the plan to move the mission from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

Arab states and other Islamic nations have said the Israeli occupation of Jerusalem is illegal. The city is one of Islam's holiest, after Mecca and Medina.

Bahrain rejects intervention

MANAMA, Sept. 23 (SPA) — Bahrain Sunday said it rejects all forms of foreign intervention in the Gulf.

Security in the area, said a statement released after exclusive responsibility of the countries of the area.

The council, chaired by Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa, said the states of the region were perfectly capable of protecting themselves.

A spokesman said after the meeting that the council also discussed messages on Gulf and Arab problems it has received from King Khaled, from President Saddam Hussein of Iraq and from Sultan Qaboos of Oman.

"The council was satisfied with the content of these messages, which provided an exchange of views on Gulf and Arab problems," the government spokesman said.

Earlier Saturday an Iraqi presidential envoy made a quick tour of Kuwait and Bahrain in an apparent attempt to thwart plans by Oman for the defense of the strategic straits of Hormuz, the gateway to the Gulf.

Oman is showing increasing concern about the waterway's security since the downfall of the western-backed Shah of Iran, who had become the region's "policeman."

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Kreisky hits at Israeli intransigence

VIENNA, Sept. 23 (AP) — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky has accused Israel of intransigence toward the Palestine Liberation Organization and of planning a "big slander campaign against PLO leader Arafat."

In an interview with the Vienna mass-circulation daily *Kronen-Zeitung* published Sunday, Kreisky said he did not see any progress in the Middle East conflict.

"On the contrary," he said, "the Palestine Liberation Organization says recognition of Israel is only conceivable if Israel is ready to recognize the national concerns of the PLO."

"The Israelis declare the PLO is no negotiating partner and are, therefore, intending to launch shortly a big slander campaign against PLO leader Arafat."

"Hence, the Israelis pick up no thread, but instead, challenge the opposing side by a settlement policy that is rejected almost by the whole world."

Kreisky implied that "one gets the impression many Israelis do not at all want official recognition by the Palestinians so as to be able to pursue their tough policy."

Oil ministers set up panel to study issues

TAIF, Sept. 23 (SPA) — A committee will be set up to examine a set of economic and financial issues before holding a projected Arab Gulf-West European dialogue on mutual interests, Gulf oil ministers meeting here decided Sunday.

A brief statement issued after the one-day meeting said the ministers have agreed to continue consultations among themselves to reach a common ground before meeting again to take final steps for starting the dialogue with the European Economic Community.

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SR3.9 billion Pilgrimage project

Mecca development scheme near completion

JEDDAH, Sept. 23 — The remaining SR345 million of a total SR3 billion allocated in 1975 for the development of Pilgrimage sites will be spent before the end of this financial year.

Abdul Aziz Muhammad Ghan-

dour, director of Mena project, told SPA four tunnels for pedestrians in Mena, built to reduce congestion, will be ready for use by pilgrims next month. The Pilgrimage takes place one month from Sunday.

Two tunnels will have two separate shafts each 12 meters wide, while the two others will have only one shaft 12 meters wide.

The two dual tunnels will begin from Mahbes Al-Jinn and lead to Jeddah and Al-Sadd and from there

to Al-Safa.

In this way, pilgrims will be able to walk to the four-kilometers from Al-Jamrat bridge to Al-Safa, cutting by half the distance from Jamrat to the Holy Haram.

He said that huge water reservoirs had been built, with a complete water network for pilgrims. Two reservoirs holding 220,000 liters were built in Arafat and Mena. Other reservoirs under construction include one of a capacity of one million tons and another of 600,000 tons.

A maintenance contract was signed this year with the firm that built the network.

Ghandour said that a dual vehicle tunnel 16 meters wide was being readied to complete King Khaled Bridge and link with Al-Aziza, to keep cars away from the Jamrat area.

Another tunnel will complete King Abdul Aziz Road, which connects Al-Aziza to the main Wadi Mena, Al-Shaibayn and Al-Mosayssan.

Ghandour said that already completed this year were a 30-meter, completely lit, pedestrian bridge at Al-Aziza from Al-Hamrat to the Haram Mosque, and a dual-lane bridge overlying Al-Aziza parallel to the tunnel of King Khaled bridge. Only one

lane is ready, while the other will be ready next year.

He added that King Faisal Bridge at Muzdalefa will be a great help in enabling pilgrim buses to return to Arafat.

About future plans, Ghandour cited the six to seven kilometer dual lane Prince Fahd street from Mena and to beneath Majarr Al-Kabsh through two tunnels of 16 meters wide each. Before reaching Al-Adi (Justice) area, it rises over Al-Aziza by a flyover, then on to Al-Malawi, then through two tunnels to Shaab Amer. The street will ease pressure from Jisr Al-Jamrat area and will help traffic flow in these areas and between the various parts of Mecca, Mena and Al-Shaibayn.

The Pakistani Embassy meanwhile announced that Pakistan International Airlines Saturday began its airlift of over 35,000 Pakistani pilgrims.

PIA operated four special flights Saturday bringing in 1,514 pilgrims. The first were received by Pakistani Ambassador Maj. Gen. Fazal Mueqeem Khan. He also visited the airport later at night to enquire about the welfare of the pilgrims.

PIA will use its Boeing 747s, 720s and 707s and operate two to four flights bringing in more than one thousand pilgrims daily.

It will also run special flights from London, New York and Dar Es-Salaam to bring in Pakistani pilgrims.



JAM: The congestion of traffic and people at last year's Pilgrimage. The major development program begun in Mecca in 1975 and due to be finished this year will ease the flow of pilgrims and vehicles considerably.

Ahead of schedule

Financial data center opens doors

JEDDAH, Sept. 23 — The new Saudi Financial Information Center has started operations in Riyadh, and it is supplying government departments with data.

The center, being developed by the U.S.-Saudi Joint Commission, is not due to be completed until the middle of next year. David Fording, an official in the center, told *Al-Riyadh* in an interview published Sunday that it has opened its doors early because of a clear urgent need for its services in

the government.

The center has a computer, connected by satellite to similar bodies in the United States, and a library. It will publish two regular bulletins, one public and one for the government.

There is a division for collecting and analyzing information from all sources.

Fording said that the library will be finished in two months. Ten people have been sent to the United States to study informa-

tion analysis, computer science and library techniques.

Information on world economic conditions will be broken down into areas covering the general situation of gold, energy and financial projects. International bodies like the World Bank, United Nations, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries are valuable sources.

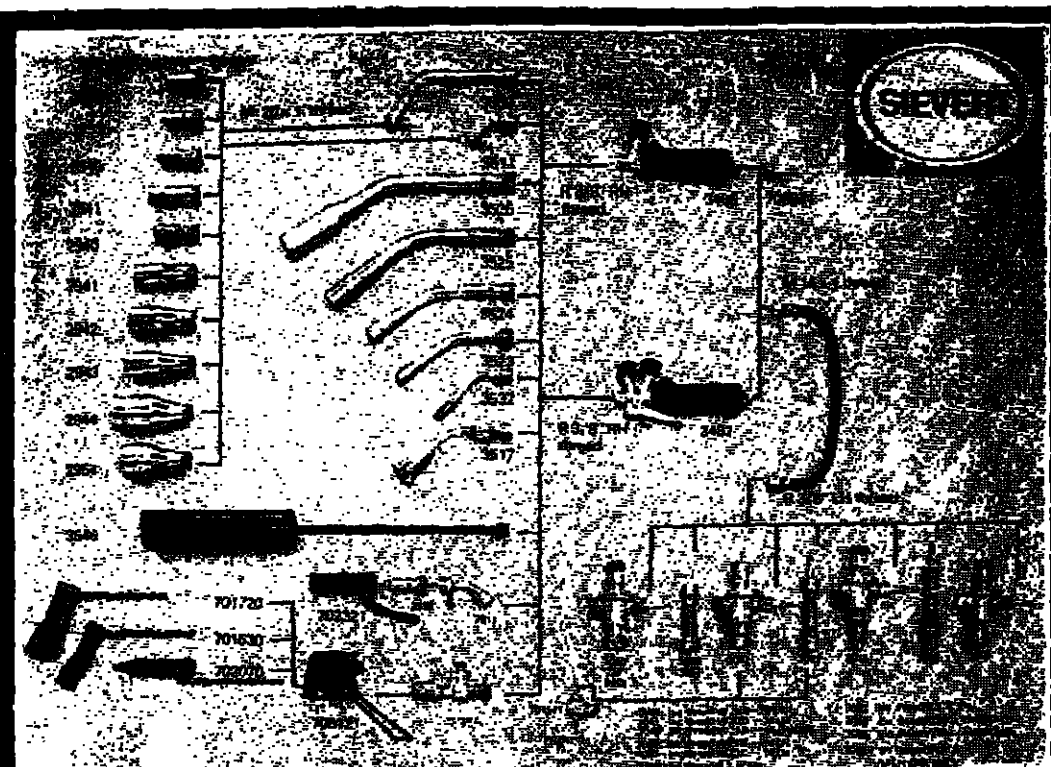
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Court to hear Riyadh payroll theft charges

JEDDAH, Sept. 23 — The three West Germans who allegedly stole SR6.7 million in cash from the Philip Holzmann company in Riyadh in January will appear in court this week.

The company's manager admitted in an interview published Sunday in *Al-Madina* that lax security on the firm's part was in some measure to blame for the theft taking place. The alleged thieves took impressions of the keys to the safe where the company's payroll was kept, and obtained the combination number.

With the cooperation of West German police, the Riyadh Public Security arrested the three men charged three weeks after the crime. Massive security measures had all travellers leaving Riyadh searched, and the money was recovered.

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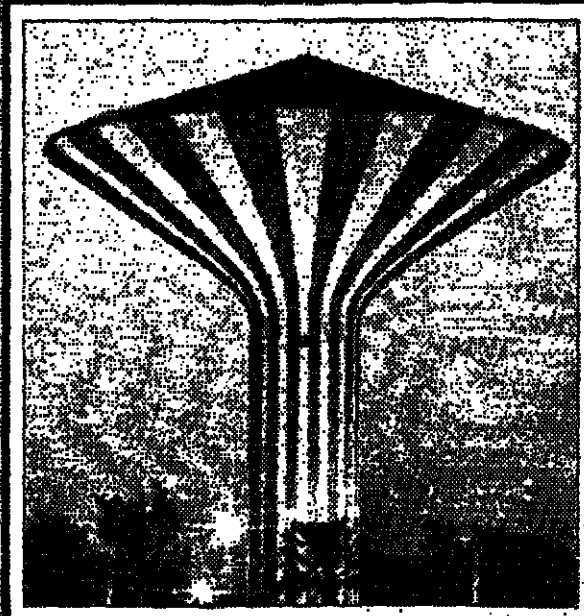
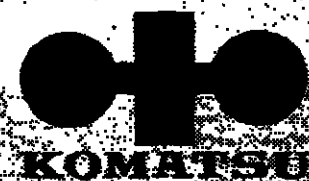
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We pray before Almighty Allah to bestow further progress and prosperity to the people of Saudi Arabia under the guidance of King Khaled's able leadership.



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Tihama electricity project undergoes major modification

By a Staff Writer
JEDDAH, Sept. 23 — An official of the General Electricity Organization said Sunday that a British firm has been authorized to prepare feasibility studies for a power station in the Tihama region.

The London firm of Presee, Cardew and Ryder, has designed the specifications of most of the electrification schemes in the south-west, and he was evidently referring to them.

It had previously been thought that the Tihama could be served by electricity projects now being installed in Baha, Abha and Jizan.

In February, officials of the

General Electricity Organization held talks with Taiwan Power Company, builders of the 60 MW Baha plant, on the possibility of sending power lines down the steep escarpment into the Tihama lowlands. The project was found to be impractical.

It now appears that a separate generating plant will be designed and built in the Tihama. Qunfuzah, a coastal town some 300 kilometers south of Jeddah is thought to be the most likely location.

Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Abdullah Al-Zamel, deputy governor of the General Electricity Organization, also told *Al-Riyadh* that a Saudi-American joint venture is making feasibility studies for an electrification scheme in the Namah region in the south-west. He did not name the company.

Zamel also announced the award of a maintenance and operation contract to Taipower. The contract is worth about SR64 million, and will last for two years.

Taipower got the award even though several companies, among them the American firm Daniel International, put in considerably lower bids. It was presumably felt that the Chinese would be best equipped to run the power station they had built, and it was perhaps recompense for Taipower's taking a possible \$ 60 million loss on construction.

The deputy governor also said that the "formation of a Saudi technical and administrative staff to handle and operate the Baha project" is one of the most important objects of the General Electricity Corporation.

Whirlpool killer

Three drowned in Obhor accidents

JEDDAH, Sept. 23 — Three people have been reported killed in two accidents last Friday to the north of Obhor Creek.

A Saudi and a Palestinian drowned in a whirlpool while trying to save a Tunisian. The Tunisian, Rida Omar, managed to cling onto a rock as was saved. Osman Muhammad Adam

Al-Maghrabi, a Saudi of 17, and Abu Khalil, a Palestinian of 20, had swum into the maelstrom to try to save Omar.

A Frenchman, named only as M. Bissel, aged 39, drowned on the same day.

Rescue teams were hindered by bad weather, and only managed to



TARUT: Girls in front of the castle of Abdul Wahab Pasha on Tarut Island off the Eastern Province coast.

In one quarter

Farmers loaned SR357m

JEDDAH, Sept. 23 — The Agricultural Bank has agreed to finance 4,557 projects at a total cost of SR357 million across the Kingdom in the first quarter of this fiscal year.

In 1977 to 1978 the bank lent SR585,668,268 to 20,298 farmers and fishermen. The money was used for buying agricultural

equipment and machinery, setting up dairy projects, chicken farms and financing other requirements of agricultural production.

Direct assistance in the same year reached SR241,572,941. The bank's capital in 1977 and 1978 amounted to SR1438 million.

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Iraqi team may sign mutual trade accord

JEDDAH, Sept. 23 — An Iraqi delegation is arriving in Riyadh Tuesday for talks on trade that will probably end in the signing of a commercial agreement between the Kingdom and Iraq.

According to *Al-Riyadh* Sunday, the agreement will cover encouragement to mutual trade, the simplification of customs clearance, favorable treatment for each other's products and the establishment of joint manufacturing ventures.

The Iraqi team will be led by Maher Said Wasfi, the general director of economic research in the Baghdad Economy Ministry, the Saudi by Said ibn Saad ibn Said, his counterpart.

Saudi Arabia also has similar commercial agreements to the one predicted by the paper with Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar and the Emirates, as well as a joint SR2.8 billion fund with Kuwait for import-substitution manufacturing projects.

In ten day's time, Commerce Minister Dr. Soliman A. Solaim is to leave for Baghdad to attend the city's International Trade Fair at the invitation of the Iraqi commerce minister.

SPA meanwhile reported that a Japanese commercial delegation is to arrive in Dammam Friday on a three-day, Eastern Province visit to hold an exhibition of Japanese products and have talks with members of the Dammam Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

In Beirut, Dr. Issam Haidar, the head of a Lebanese delegation to Riyadh last week that discussed trade between the two countries, said that a joint committee will be formed as soon as possible.

It will, he said, examine favorable treatment for each other's products, and the question of exemption from tariffs of Lebanese goods.

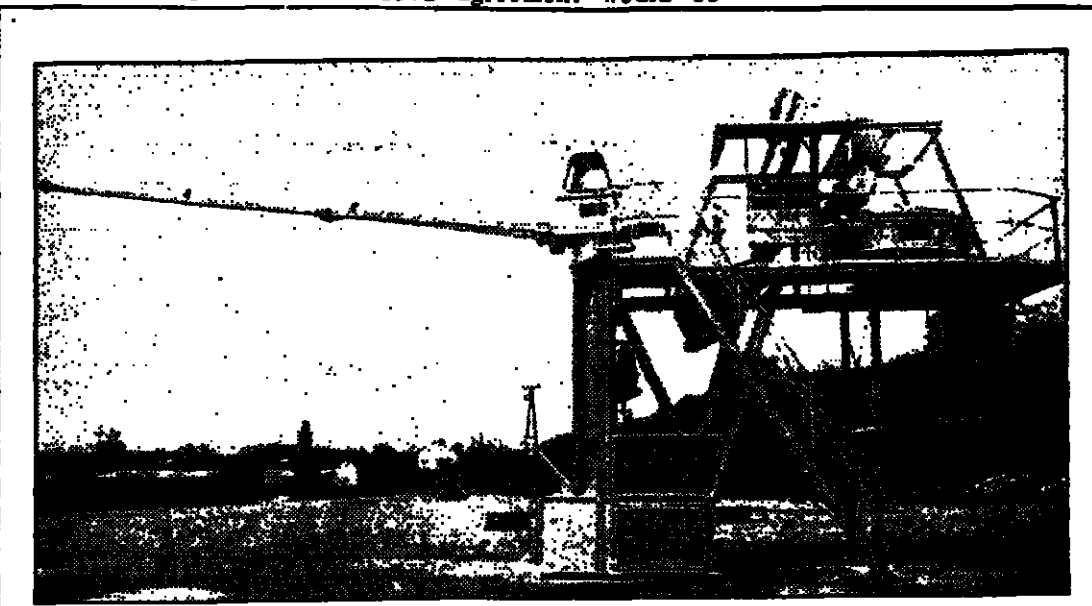
Involving joint manufacturing

The exemption was granted in the Saudi-Lebanese commercial agreement of 1972, and kept on as indirect assistance to Lebanon during the Civil War. Saudi officials are understood to have been trying to have the preferential renewed through diplomatic channels.

treatment it allows amended, as since that time many of the Lebanese exports here have been matched by new indigenous manufacturing ventures.

Haidar made no direct comment on that, but he said that the 1972 agreement would be

He also said that the highest levels of Lebanese officialdom are looking into the question of the ship carrying goods belonging to Saudi merchants that allegedly alerted its papers in the Red Sea and unloaded a cargo at Jounieh in Lebanon.



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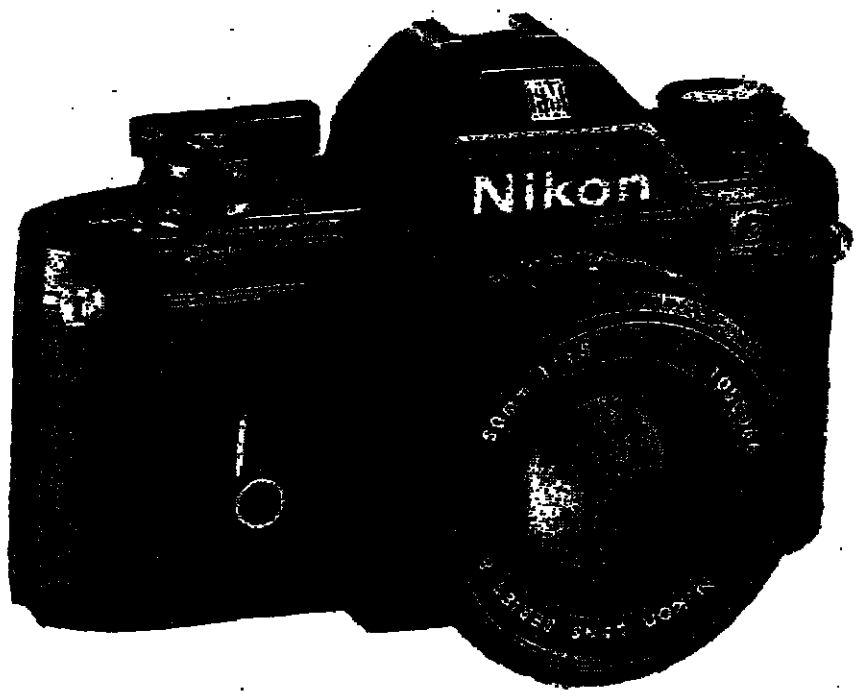
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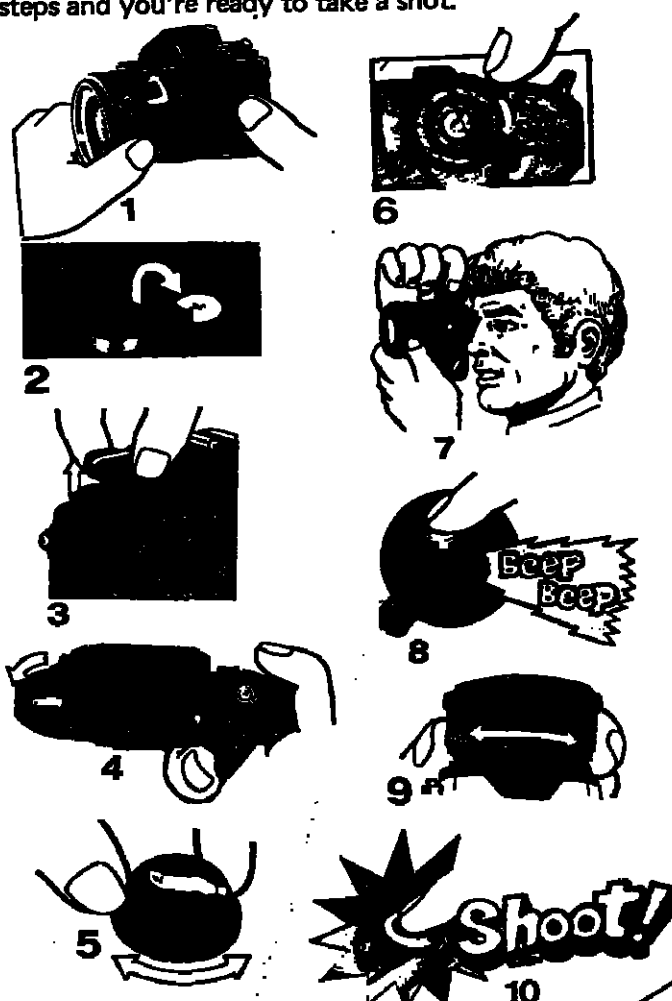
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'Arms ban continues'

Egypt denies getting Soviet spare parts

CAIRO, Sept. 23 (AP) — Egypt's Defense Minister Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali has denied published reports of a Soviet military spare parts sale to Egypt.

In a statement to the official Middle East News Agency Saturday prior to his departure from Washington, where he held military talks on Egypt's long-range military needs, Ali termed the reports as "malicious rumors intended to damage budding friendly relations between Egypt and the United States."

Earlier this month, the United States delivered the first U.S. arms to Egypt in more than 20 years. The shipment of 16 F4 jet fighters and 50 armored personnel carriers is part of a \$1.5 billion arms deal concluded following the signature of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty in March.

Ali also reassured that the Soviet Union is still maintaining the arms embargo on Egypt imposed following the 1973 Middle East war.

Last week Western military sources said the Soviet Union had recently delivered to Egypt 40 Soviet *mi-6* helicopter engines as well as spare parts.

For 20 years Moscow was Egypt's main source of military hardware. Since the embargo Egypt has been seeking arms from the West and accepted a Chinese offer to overhaul Soviet-made aircraft engines.

Meanwhile, the newspaper *Al-Gomhouriya*, quoting senior government sources, said a recent arms deal with Communist China involves 50 military jets.

President Sadat had disclosed the transaction last June but the newspaper report was the first specifying the number. The jets are known to include the modified version of the Soviet-made MiG-19.

Khomeini warns students of plots

TEHRAN, Sept. 23 (R) — Millions of Iranian schoolchildren and students began a new academic year Sunday with instructions from Ayatollah Khomeini to watch their classmates for signs of anti-Islamic plotting. Khomeini told them in a radio broadcast Sunday: "It is possible corrupt elements will penetrate your ranks and with their calculated plans may create discord among you. You must identify them and point them out to other youths in order to know them and defy their plots."

Bourguiba sends note to Hassan

RABAT, Sept. 23 (R) — Tunisian Foreign Minister Muhammad Fitouri arrived at Casablanca airport Saturday night and was due to confer with King Hassan II to deliver a message from President Habib Bourguiba. Fitouri said that among the topics he would raise with the king was Bourguiba's proposal for a mediation between Algeria and Morocco over the Western Sahara issue.

U.K. MP defends Pakistan's N-plan

KARACHI, Sept. 23 (AP) — John Biggs Davison, leader of the British parliamentary delegation, said here Saturday Pakistan had every right to acquire nuclear technology for peaceful purposes. Davison told a news conference that, unlike some other governments, "our government has never said anything against Pakistan's plans for nuclear energy, nor is Britain one of those countries which are putting pressure on Pakistan to give up its plans for nuclear power."

17 Lebanese sentenced in Ghana

ACCRA, Sept. 23 (R) — Ghana's ruling Armed Forces Revolutionary Council (AFRC) has sentenced 17 Lebanese nationals and Lebanese-born Ghanaian to 45 years' imprisonment each for crimes against the state, the council said Saturday.



Kamal Hassan Ali

Ethiopian minister killed in rebel attack

NAIROBI, Kenya, Sept. 23 (AP) — Guerrillas of the Ethiopian People's Revolutionary Party (EPRP) have killed the Ethiopian information minister and wounded eight other top officials in an attack near Addis Ababa, the Somali government radio reported Sunday.

A broadcast monitored in Nairobi quoted Muhammad Osman Abubakar, described as a spokesman for the Eritrean People's Liberation Front, which is fighting a war for independence in Ethiopia's northernmost province

on the Red Sea. The report said the officials were killed near Debre Zeit, a lake resort 50 kilometers from Addis Ababa.

Lema Gutema, identified as the Ethiopian interior minister, was reported severely injured. The name of the information minister and other details were not available.

The EPRP is one of several groups in armed opposition to the Marxist military rule of Lt. Col. Mengistu Haile Mariam, leader of a Soviet-backed committee that overthrew the late Emperor Haile Selassie in 1974.

Soviet Union taken unawares by Afghan coup, sources say

NEW DELHI, Sept. 23 (Agencies) — The Soviets were caught off balance by this month's coup in Afghanistan that ousted President Nur Mohammad Taraki and replaced him with Prime Minister Hafizullah Amin, both considered pro-Soviet, according to diplomatic sources.

"Clearly the Russians wouldn't have wanted Taraki removed," said a veteran Asian diplomat. Only a few days before the Sept. 16 announcement of his resignation, Taraki was bearhugged on television by Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev during a Moscow stopover.

The diplomat, like other observers here, believes Amin set aside his one time mentor as a move to protect himself from a Soviet-inspired purge.

"It was a pre-emptive move, it all adds up to this," he said.

The U.S.-educated Amin had been officially described since the April 27, 1978, coup that brought the leftist regime to power, as the pupil compared to "wise teacher" Taraki. Amin himself said their relationship was "closer than that of a finger to its nail."

But Amin was seen since March as the real strongman of the Marxist revolutionary regime, and Taraki, a man whose warm, scholarly image Amin used to cloak his often divisive political machinations.

It was no secret in Kabul dip-



Hafizullah Amin

lomatic circles this summer, that Moscow had grown impatient with Amin's frequent purges of political opponents which seriously narrowed the already slim, urban base of the ruling Khalq (People's) Democratic Party.

Moscow also was believed upset with the failure of key reforms implemented by Amin in a blitzkrieg approach that alienated wide sections of the rural, tradition-bound Muslim population.

In what now appear to be moves to counter any Soviet-backed conspiracies against him, Amin set out several months ago to strengthen his personal position in the regime. Afghan sources in Kabul said recently.

Last May, he removed national security chief Major Syed Daoud Tarun, a Taraki loyalist, and reor-



Nur Taraki

ganized the secret police as the Afghanistan Gatanay Satandoy or Protect Gains (AGSA), his private army of political enforcers. His brother was installed as security chief of four provinces.

Meanwhile, a French journalist just back from Afghanistan says the conflict in Afghanistan between the government and Muslim guerrillas has turned into an all-out war.

Pierre Blanchet, reporting in the weekly *Le Nouvel Observateur*, said the war front was now barely 100 kilometers from Kabul.

"The West does not yet realize it, but this is a real, total war," he wrote.

Blanchet's report is the first detailed eyewitness account of the heavy fighting between the government and the rebels.

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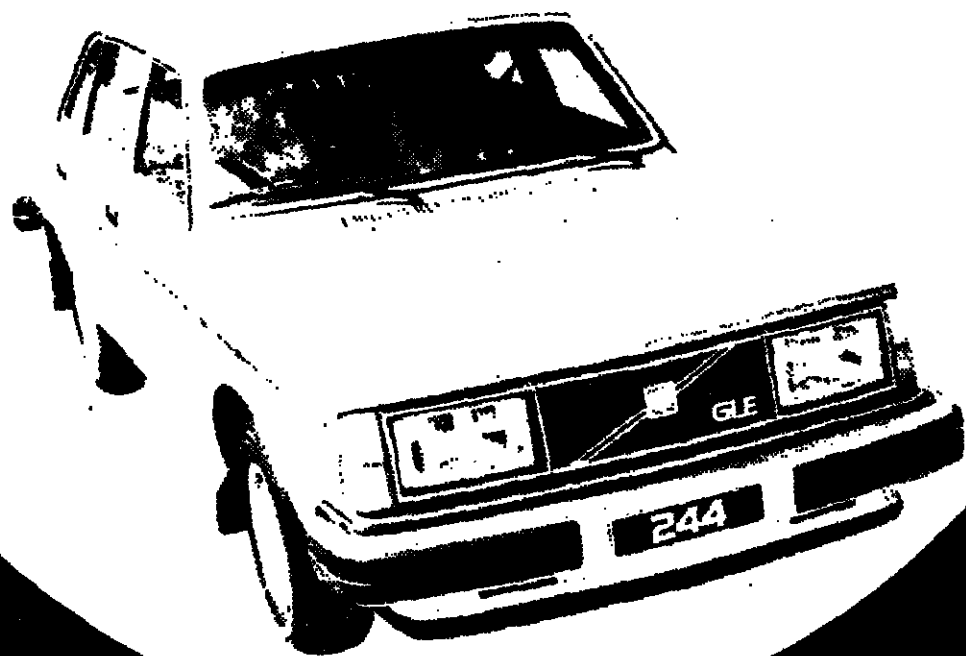
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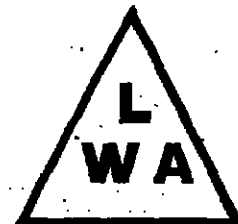
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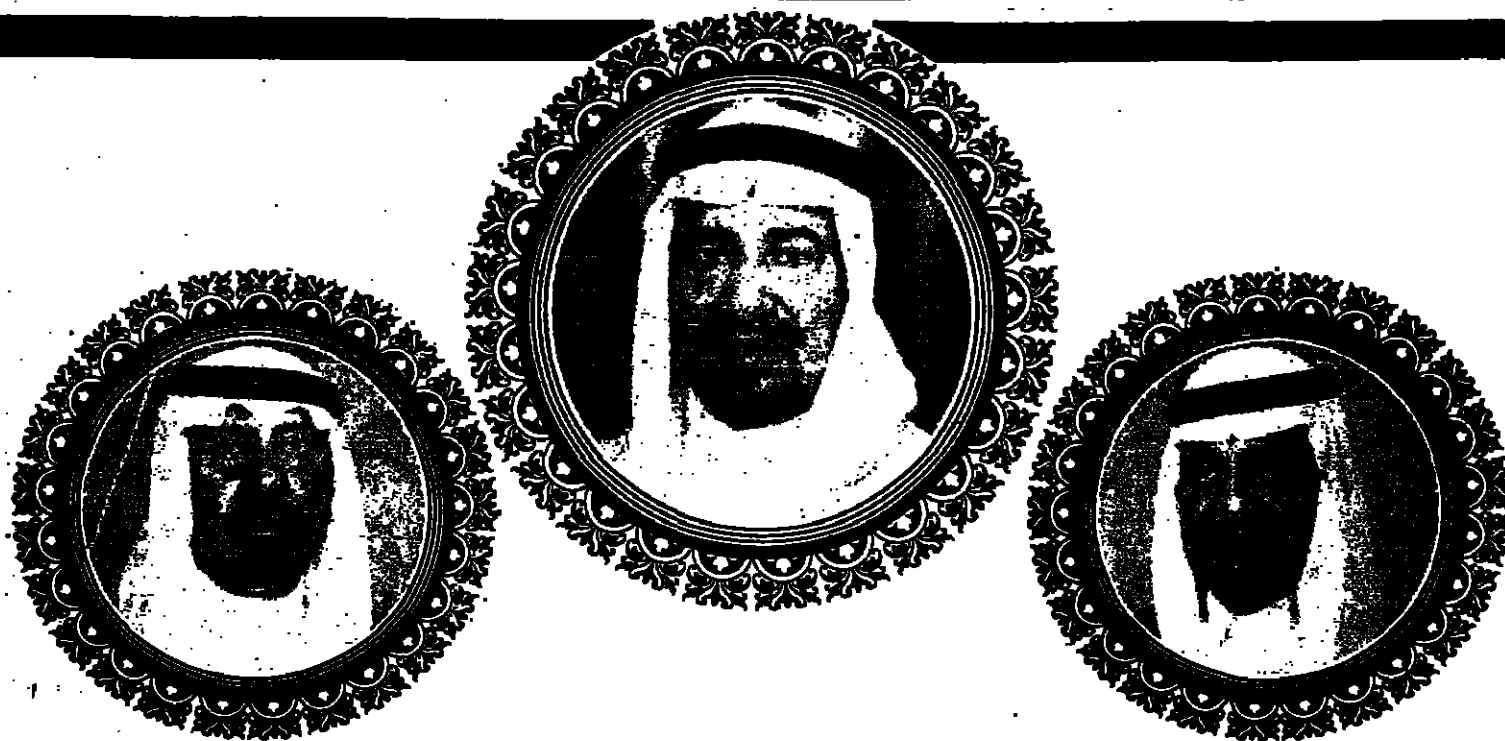
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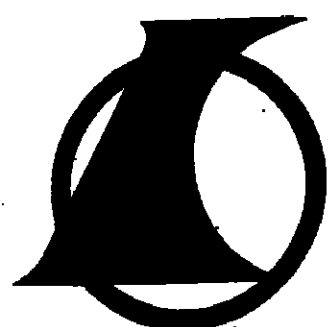
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Dacko claims Paris, Africans helped hatch coup against Bokassa

BANGUI, Sept. 23 (R) — The Central African Republic's new president has said that he had plotted with France and other African countries for two months to topple Emperor Bokassa.

President David Dacko told reporters Saturday that French troops began flying into Bangui within minutes of the coup just before midnight Thursday to provide support for the new government.

In Paris, French officials declined Saturday night to comment on the claim.

A foreign ministry spokesman said no one was available to answer questions on this subject and a defense ministry official said his department had no comment to make.

Eight hundred French soldiers are now patrolling Bangui and keeping order after an outbreak of looting after Bokassa's overthrow. Dacko did not say which African countries helped him.

"I returned to Bangui from Libreville (capital of Gabon) on Thursday evening to make the proclamation of the abolition of the empire and the restoration of the republic," he said. "Within hours, it was all over."

Bokassa, who was in Libya when the coup took place, is now seeking asylum in France. (See related story on back page.)

Dacko said he asked France to send troops from neighboring Chad and Gabon to forestall any attempt by Bokassa to stop the

coup. "We were counting first and foremost on our good French friends," he added.

The president said the coup had already taken place when the vanguard of the French force reached Bangui.

"I took radio station myself," he said.

According to informed sources, the French military transports arrived in Bangui at the same time as Dacko.

They were armed with light armored cars and helicopters. France said they were necessary to protect the French community in Bangui.

Seated in the elegant presidential Palais de la Renaissance, Dacko said, "Our first priority is to restore democracy, to let the people, so long oppressed, live their lives freely. This we will do."

The president said the French troops would remain as long as he thought they were needed for security.

"After all, the Cubans do nothing else and no one says anything about their presence in Africa," he added.

Although Bokassa's Imperial Guard declared loyalty to the new government immediately after the coup, the presidential palace was being guarded by the French.

The city was quiet after the looting which came as news spread of Bokassa's fall.

A French commando, sitting in a ransacked shop, said, "If we had



David Dacko

arrived two hours earlier, we would have prevented the looting."

Some of the pillaged shops belonged to the family of Bokassa who ruled this country for 14 years after toppling Dacko during his first term as president.

Dacko said he had freed all the political prisoners from Bangui's notorious Ngarabga Prison.

"There were only 20 left...God knows where the others have disappeared. But there were hundreds of them over the years," he said.

Sihanouk says he spurned bid to unite Khmer, right

PEKING, Sept. 23 (AP) — Prince Norodom Sihanouk has said China and certain Western powers are studying the possibility of a united front between the Khmer Rouge rebels and the Cambodian rightwing but that he would never cooperate with it.

Sihanouk Saturday announced that he would take up residence again in Peking from Sept. 30-Nov. 6, and added that this was not to be interpreted as a move toward agreement with China for a Cambodian solution involving either the Khmer Rouge of former Premier Pol Pot or the right-wingers whom he identified as the reactionary Khmer Bleu "and other foreign mercenaries."

"This does not mean that I seek to favor the camp of the Vietnamese colonialists and Soviet hegemonists whose intolerable occupation of my country I condemn without end," he said.

Sihanouk, who is now in North Korea, said his stay in Peking would be of a private nature entirely, "that is, neither political nor diplomatic."

He said he recognized that

speculation might be fanned by his return to Peking, especially over the possibility of his cooperation with the Khmer Rouge.

He said the fact he had refused to form his own united front in Brussels or to preside over a national congress of Cambodian refugees should not be interpreted as a prelude to a rapprochement with Pol Pot through the good offices of China.

"I swear that under no circumstance will I accept to cooperate in any way with the regime and parties of the Messers Pol Pot, Ieng Sary, Khieu Sampan, Nuonchea, Sonzen and other Khmer Rouge," he said.

The former king and chief of state sharply rejected a Khmer Rouge offer to head a united front on the ground that Pol Pot and his associates were guilty of genocide.

He had intended to preside over a unification congress of his own in Brussels at the end of October but cancelled it after some of the participants, he said, demanded he renounce his royal title.

He refused to do so. Meanwhile, the Pol Pot regime



Prince Norodom Sihanouk

said Sunday its forces had killed 354 Vietnamese-led troops including 16 Soviet advisors in recent fighting inside Cambodia.

The Voice of Democratic Kampuchea, monitored in Bangkok, claimed that their forces scored victories in Kompong Som, Koh Hong and Battambang provinces, destroying an arsenal and sinking three motorized vessels.

Early this week, the guerrilla said they had killed five Soviet military advisors and wounded 13 others at Angkor in northwestern Cambodia where about 200 Soviet military advisors were attending Vietnam's national day festivities.

For smuggling coffee

Binaisa hits at Kenyans

MBALE, Uganda Sept. 23 (AP) — President Godfrey Binaisa of Uganda has launched an attack on Kenyan officials "in very high places" whom he charged with smuggling coffee out of Uganda and on Kenyan newspapers for printing what he called "a tissue of lies" about him.

Binaisa Saturday spoke at a rally here during a tour of the country. The strength of the attack was indicative of the deteriorating relations between the two countries.

"The people in Kenya have never borne what you people have," he told his audience. "They watched you being slaughtered (under Amin) without raising a finger."

In an apparent reference to reports that Kenya had given haven to former President Yusufu Lule, ousted in June by Binaisa, the president said, "We will not stoop as low as they want us to stoop. They can go on supporting those people they would like to see as leader of this country. All they are saying is just good for garbage."

He continued, "Some of those people, in very high places, make money out of smuggling the coffee we grow. They think that we are just a pack of fools because we haven't raised the matter openly."

Binaisa also attacked newspapers which he said had published reports of an attempt on his life at a rally Friday.

"The reports are a tissue of lies from beginning to end," Binaisa said, adding, "I call upon the editors and reporters of newspapers in Kenya to rise up to the occasion and report news like responsible people. We can only hope they will stop what I may describe as gutter journalism."

According to Binaisa, "A police officer panicked when he saw a snake in the crowd and shot it. There was a stampede."

"When they say there was an attempt on my life, it's not true." But Western journalists who attended the rally in Iganga, say it was impossible to say what actually occurred because of the confusion. At least two people were killed and many were taken to hospital, they said.

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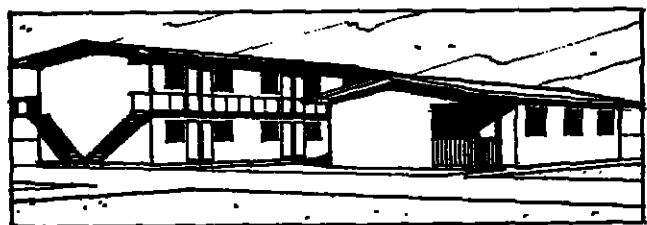
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Macias likely to face death penalty as trial gets underway today

MADRID, Sept. 23 (R) — Former President Francisco Macias Nguema of Equatorial Guinea goes on trial for his life Monday amid reports of plots to free him and put him back in power.

Macias, 55, was overthrown in a military coup at the beginning of August after an 11-year rule condemned by human rights organizations as bloody and tyrannical. Opponents of his government said that more than 80,000 people had been killed in the small West African country since it became independent from Spain in 1968.

According to one international human rights group, Macias ruthlessly eliminated opponents and forced 100,000 Guineans, about one third of the population to flee the country.

Lt. Col. Teodoro Obiang Nguema, head of the military council that ousted Macias, was quoted by a Spanish news agency as saying the former president would be tried for genocide.

Spanish sources expect the trial to last only a few days and the general view in Madrid is that Macias is almost certain to be condemned to death.

The trial is to be held in a 600-seat cinema in the center of Malabo, on the tiny republic's main island, formerly Fernando Poo, which Macias named after himself.

As preparations for the trial went ahead, reports reaching Madrid from Malabo said the new rulers had unmasked a plot to free

Macias from prison and reinstate him as president.

The military authorities were said to have discovered the conspiracy last Monday and to have detained the alleged ringleader, a navy sub-lieutenant.

The plot was said to have centered on the port of Luba, used by Soviet trawlers which operate in the Gulf of Guinea.

Spanish sources were quoted as saying that Soviet-made weapons had been confiscated from the alleged plotters and a stock of Soviet hand grenades had been found in Malabo.

Another report spoke of rumors that Macias' wife, Monica Bindang, was in a neighboring African country trying to save her husband.

One report said she was trying to organize a mercenary force to rescue him. Another said she was trying to negotiate with the Malabo authorities, offering the return of large sums of money she is alleged to have taken out of the country in return for Macias' life.

Equatorial Guinea's new leader Lt. Col. Obiang Nguema, has been quoted as saying that Macias will be given a fair trial conforming to international law.

It is not yet clear whether the public will be allowed in.

The Guinean authorities are worried that the appearance of Macias in the dock could unleash a riot in the makeshift court house and a number of Spanish police officers are helping to organize the security operation.

Center Party negotiates coalition

Falldin may grab Swedish premiership

STOCKHOLM, Sept. 23 (AP) — The big loser in the Swedish general election may emerge as a winner and capture the premiership of a non-Socialist coalition government, political observers here believe.

Backed by the big winner, Conservative leader Gosta Bohman, Thorbjorn Falldin is negotiating with the three non-Socialist parties, according to articles in the Swedish press based on reports from political "insiders."

Bohman's party won an increase of 18 seats for a total of 73 in the election last Sunday, while Falldin saw his Center Party shrink by 22 seats to 64. The third party in the coalition, the Liberals, lost one seat to settle at 38.

That left the non-Socialist parties able to form a coalition with a majority of one vote, 175 against 174.

Prime Minister Ola Ullsten, head of the Liberal minority government which took power after



Andrew Young

Vietnam charges Chinese troops still hold its soil

BANGKOK, Sept. 23 (R) — Vietnam has said that China is still occupying Vietnamese territory after the month-long border war which ended in mid-March.

Radio Hanoi, monitored in Bangkok, said Saturday the Chinese have 12 divisions close to the border and five army corps in the rear. It was quoting from a memorandum made public Saturday by the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry.

The broadcast said China "has recently increased its war means along the border in preparation for a new military adventure, causing the danger of the outbreak of war at any moment."

"Since China declared its total troops withdrawal from Vietnam on March 16, 1979, it still illegally occupies many points on Vietnamese territory," the radio added.

Vietnam has consistently charged the Chinese in recent weeks with provocations along the border. China has denied the allegations.

Young ends Africa tour with characteristic flare

DAKAR, Senegal, Sept. 23 (AP) — Crisscrossing the continent in a gleaming Air Force 707, hobnobbing with heads of state and filling local headlines, outgoing U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations Andrew Young on his last official trip through Africa looked like a man making a triumphant farewell tour.

He was garbed in the cloak of an Ashanti chief in Ivory Coast and of a Muslim noble in Nigeria; he was decorated with the Star of Africa in Liberia, Tanzania's Julius Nyerere greeted him fondly as "any" and Cameroonians lined the streets to catch a glimpse.

This was the vintage Andy Young using his blend of charisma, frankness, preaching and politics to guide a delegation of two dozen American businessmen through some of Africa's most economically promising republics, selling American technology and know-how as the "cheapest and best."

It was also Young the freewheeling diplomat, telling somewhat surprised African presidents it was "ridiculous" that they do not talk to Israel, and grating on some State Department nerves by say-

ing Soviet troops in Cuba "haven't bothered me at all" and that the pro-Soviet Angolan government should have been recognized long ago.

Young, whose resignation took effect Sunday, briefed President Jimmy Carter at the White House Saturday after returning from the 17-day tour.

His traveling style had not changed much from his first visit to Africa as U.N. ambassador, in February 1977.

His approach was still to wear an embroidered African suit though the invitation said business suit, to join a Nigerian band in some heady drumming and dancing at an otherwise staid party, to mingle as easily with ambassadors as with workers, and to doze contentedly through long economic recitals at official business sessions.

The trade delegation's eight stops over two weeks included some of the French-speaking nations that, pursuing conservative policies under stable governments, have achieved some of Africa's best development records — Ivory Coast, Cameroon and Senegal.

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California fires controlled after 10 days

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23 (AP) — An army of firefighters from across the United States that battled stubborn California brush and forest fires for more than a week began disbanding Saturday, headed for home and the fires all but out.

The fires burned 110,000 acres and \$400 million worth of brush and timber and destroyed or damaged 51 homes over a 10-day period.

More than 5,000 of the 7,000 firefighters on the line suffered injuries, most of them minor.

Damage estimates were not complete. Only a 1970 fire in San Diego burned more land so quickly. That blaze consumed 540,000 acres in 10 days.

In no other year have so many

acres been burned so early in the California fire season. So far in 1979, 469,000 acres have been burned by fires — nearly three times the amount in all of 1978.

The only major blaze still out of control Saturday afternoon was a Ventura County fire north of Los Angeles, which flared up again late Friday.

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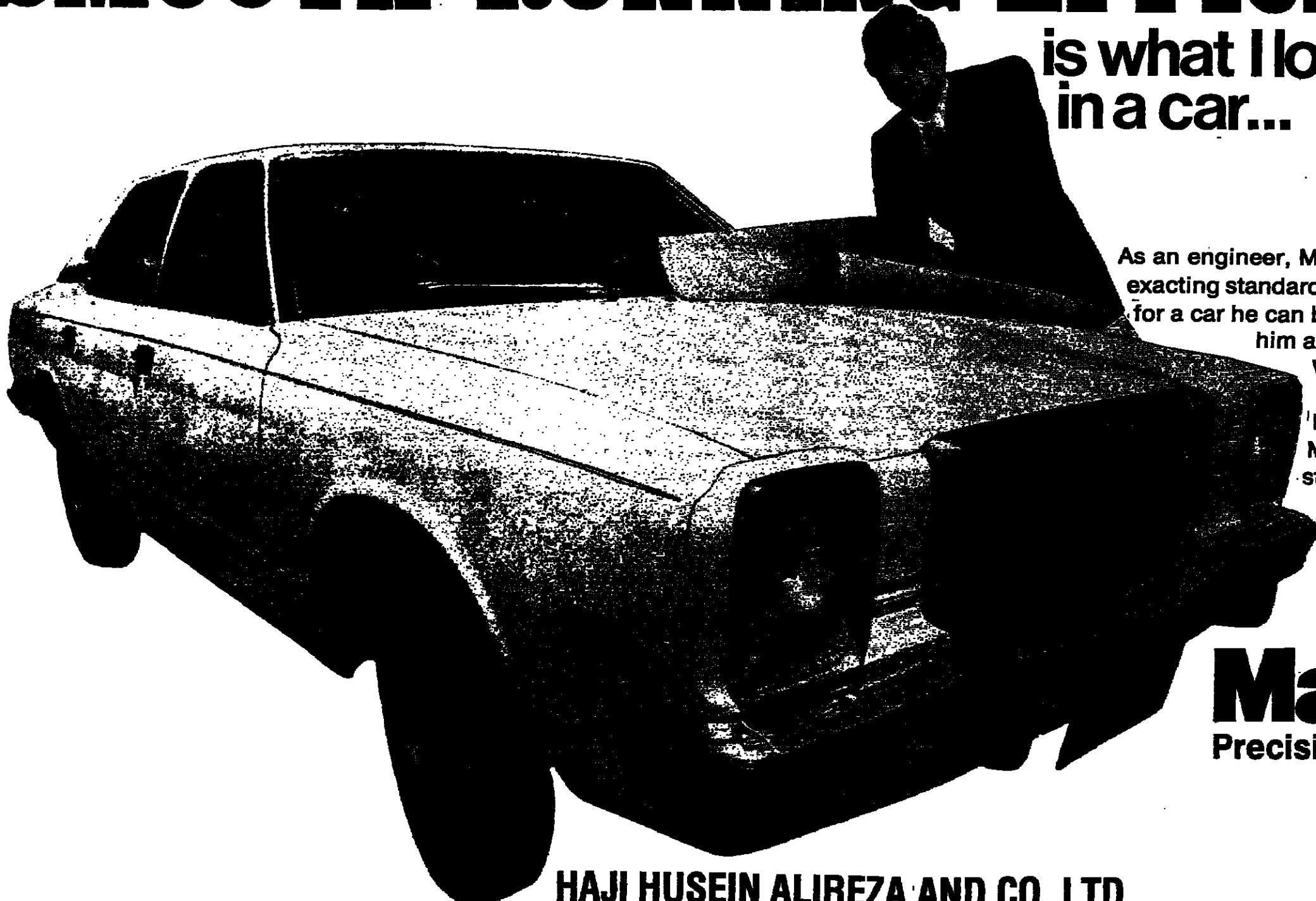
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World Bank points to poverty

South facing increasing deficits

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (R) — Developing countries dependent on imported oil face big new trade deficits this year and as a result huge problems in their fight against poverty, the World Bank said Sunday.

The Bank said it expected the total balance of payments deficit suffered by Third World countries

with no oil of their own to increase by \$10 billion and to keep on rising if petroleum prices continued to climb. This would mean big obstacles to economic expansion.

The Bank said in its annual report that the average economic growth of developing countries in general last year was higher than that of industrialized states — 5.2

per cent as against 3.6.

But it said this was more a reflection of economic sluggishness in the richer countries than any real advance in the Third World.

More over, growth among developing countries was very unevenly divided, the Bank said.

The report said that the total balance of payments deficit of developing countries with no domestic oil production would reach \$42 billion this year.

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) recently forecast a figure of \$43 billion.

Bank officials said the deficit would reach \$50 billion next year as oil bills mounted.

The bank recalled its world development report published last month said that even to maintain present progress developing countries would need more foreign capital plus vigorous efforts to withstand protectionist pressures and stimulate productivity.

The new report said the economies of the east Asian group of countries grew by nine per cent last year while, at the low end of the development scale, countries in sub-Saharan Africa progressed at only 2.9 per cent.

Nor was the situation much better for developing countries of the Mediterranean region, the Bank said. These grew at only 3 per cent.

But Latin American countries and the south Asian countries fared somewhat better, with growth rates of 4.7 per cent and five per cent respectively.

The Bank said its own contribution to the developing world the form of new loan commitments rose to \$10.01 billion in its business year ended June 30 compared with \$8.41 billion in the previous year.

U.K. market

slides down

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 — The U.K. stock market has continued to drift lower this week, on the back of growing concern about the effects of the national engineering dispute and company profits, and the economy. Fears of a higher than expected inflation rate during the latter part of 1979, and 1980 have depressed the gilt market and sterling has been noticeably weaker, falling sharply last Monday to \$2.1570.

Sterling's relative weakness has been attributed to concern over the short term outlook for the U.K. economy, the fact that it had previously risen to a high level and the narrowing of the interest rate gap between London and New York.

The market highlight of the week has continued to be the sharp increases in the prices of gold and silver. Both gold and silver reached all time highs, but then profit-taking cut back the gold price to \$369 an ounce and silver to \$15.64 although interest in both metals remains firm.

Negotiations in the U.K. national engineering dispute worsened in mid-week with union officials declaring that the series of two day strikes and the national overtime ban would continue.

The U.K. trade figures showed a narrowing of the deficit on current account in August to \$215 million, although the position continues to be worse than expected and considerably more than last year. The continuing high level of inflation in the U.K. will undoubtedly limit the government's ability to reduce interest rates or stimulate demand. In the pay round to July 1979 average earnings rose at an underlying rate of 15-15½ per cent, again an unexpectedly high figure and nearly twice the level of Labor government's original pay guidelines.

The same day the U.S. prime rate rose above 13 per cent for the first time with further increases expected. On Thursday the dollar had its worst day on foreign exchange markets since last autumn, falling below D.M. 1.80, and S.W. FR 1.60.

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Texas claiming \$377m Pemex may tame wildcat with 'Operation Sombrero'

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 23 (AP) — Mexico's state-owned oil monopoly, Petroleos Mexicanos (Pemex) began "Operation Sombrero" Saturday, an attempt to cap the sprawling Ixtoc offshore oilwell, a Pemex spokesman said.

Pemex workers are trying to place a cone over the mouth of the well, 195 feet below the water surface, in an effort to control the flow of gas and crude oil spilling into the Gulf of Mexico.

"The cone is in the water, but it is not in place yet," said a Pemex spokesman who asked not to be identified. He said some 300 divers and technicians worked on the procedure for four hours Saturday.

He said strong currents and clouds limited visibility and slowed down work.

Operation Sombrero was scheduled to start Sept. 15 but was delayed because of high tides, rain and hurricane winds.

The State of Texas, in a class action suit, is suing Pemex for \$377 million in damages caused by Ixtoc I.

Several other attempts have been made to cap the well, including pouring cement into the mouth, injecting lead and steel balls and special mud into the well, and drilling two alternate wells to alleviate the pressure on Ixtoc I.

One diver has been killed in the process.

Large areas of commercial fishing grounds and wildlife sanctuaries on the south Texas coast have been destroyed and endangered by the crude oil washed ashore from the Mexican oil spill.

UAS speeds paper work for Gulf-bound cargoes

Special to Arab News

TOKYO, Sept. 21 — To speed documentation for cargoes bound from Japan to Arabian Gulf and Red Sea ports, United Arab Shipping Co.'s agents Senwa have installed in their Tokyo head office the Toshiba "TOSBAC System 15" machines that semi-automatically produce ships' manifests. The new machines are tied into two "TOSBAC System 8000" computers already in operation in the firms Yokohama and Kobe offices that are used to automatically produce bills of lading. The computerized information on the bills of lading is fed into

the new TOSBAC 15 which then turns out multiple copies of the manifests.

A.G. Morrison, UASC commercial manager Far East, explained that "The introduction of the new computer is merely another phase in the development of UASC's Far East-Mideast services. Sea transport to the area is generally becoming more sophisticated and it is essential that cargo delays are not incurred through outdated documentation systems. The fast computer system is supplemented Morrison said by a courier service to the Middle East to ensure that all documents are there in time for each vessel's arrival.

Community talks with Turkey fail to solve finance differences

ANKARA, Sept. 23 (R) — A high-level Common Market delegation led by Irish Foreign Minister Michael O'Kennedy completed two days of talks Saturday apparently without narrowing differences between Turkey and the Community.

O'Kennedy, current President of the EEC Council of Ministers, said at a press conference that Turkey was still unhappy over the EEC's response to its demands for special concessions during its present economic crisis.

Turkey has had an association agreement with the EEC since 1964 but relations became strained last year after Turkey called for a five-year freeze on its obligations to the Community, and requested eight billion dollars economic aid from the nine EEC members.

O'Kennedy, accompanied by the EEC Commission Vice-President responsible for external affairs, Wilhelm Haferkamp, had talks with Turkish Foreign Minister Gunduz Okcu and an

unscheduled meeting with Premier Bulent Ecevit.

O'Kennedy said: "The Turkish side expressed disappointment in the gap between our proposals and Turkey's larger overall expectations."

Haferkamp, said the EEC had proposed a \$100 million two-year grant to promote Turkish export and assist ventures in agriculture, energy research, health, transfer of technology and vocational training.

Bombay airport remains closed

BOMBAY, Sept. 23 (R) — Bombay International Airport, India's busiest, is likely to stay closed for a week after the fire in the main terminal building Saturday, firemen said.

Bank says no boycott violation

LONDON, Sept. 23 (R) — The British Merchant Bank, S.G. Warburg, said Friday it has told the Arab Boycott of Israel Bureau that the bank's business does not conflict with boycott regulations.

Libya's oil chief visits Algiers

ALGIERS, Sept. 23 (R) — Ezzedine Mabrouk, Secretary (Minister) of the petroleum industry of Libya arrived here Sunday the Algerian news agency reported. He was accompanied by Ali Ftouri, Chairman of Libya's Oil Marketing Company, it added. It did not give further details.

Cost around \$300m

Joint petrochemical deal signed by Bahrain, Kuwait

BAHRAIN, Sept. 23 (R) — Bahrain and Kuwait Saturday signed an agreement here to set up a joint company whose first project would be to build methane and ammonia industries.

The General Manager of the Bahrain National Oil Company (BANOCO) Hassan Fakhro told Reuters that feasibility studies of the two projects would be submitted to the respective governments for approval shortly.

He hoped the gas-fed project, estimated to cost about \$300 million, would be in operation by the end of the 1982. The products of the plants, to be built in Bahrain, would be exported, he said.

Bahrain has plentiful supplies of gas.

Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Khalifa Al Sabah and Bahrain's Development and Industry Minister Youssef Ahmed Shirawi signed the agreement.

Foreign Exchange Rates

SUNDAY	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.35	3.36
Pound Sterling	7.27	7.34	7.32
Deutsche Mark (100)	190.00	191.50	190.00
Swiss F (100)	213.00	214.00	214.25
French F (100)	81.00	81.00	81.80
Italian Lira (10,000)	42.00	41.25	41.18
Lebanese Lira (100)		103.20	102.80
Syria Lira (100)		78.25	86.50
Egyptian Pound		4.40	4.62
Kuwait Dinar		12.15	12.15
Jordanian Dinar		11.20	11.15
Emirates Dirham (100)		89.00	88.80
Qatar Riyal (100)		90.00	89.80
Bahraini Dinar		8.90	8.85
Iranian Riyal (100)		9.25	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)		74.25	74.10
Yemeni Riyal (100)		81.00	88.40
Moroccan Dirham (100)		41.40	41.20
Indian Rupee (100)		33.00	34.15
Pakistani Rupee (100)		—	—
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Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.10	15.20	15.20
Canadian Dollar	2.88	4.00	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	118.00	113.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	172.00	173.00	172.50
Spanish Peso	—	52.00	52.00
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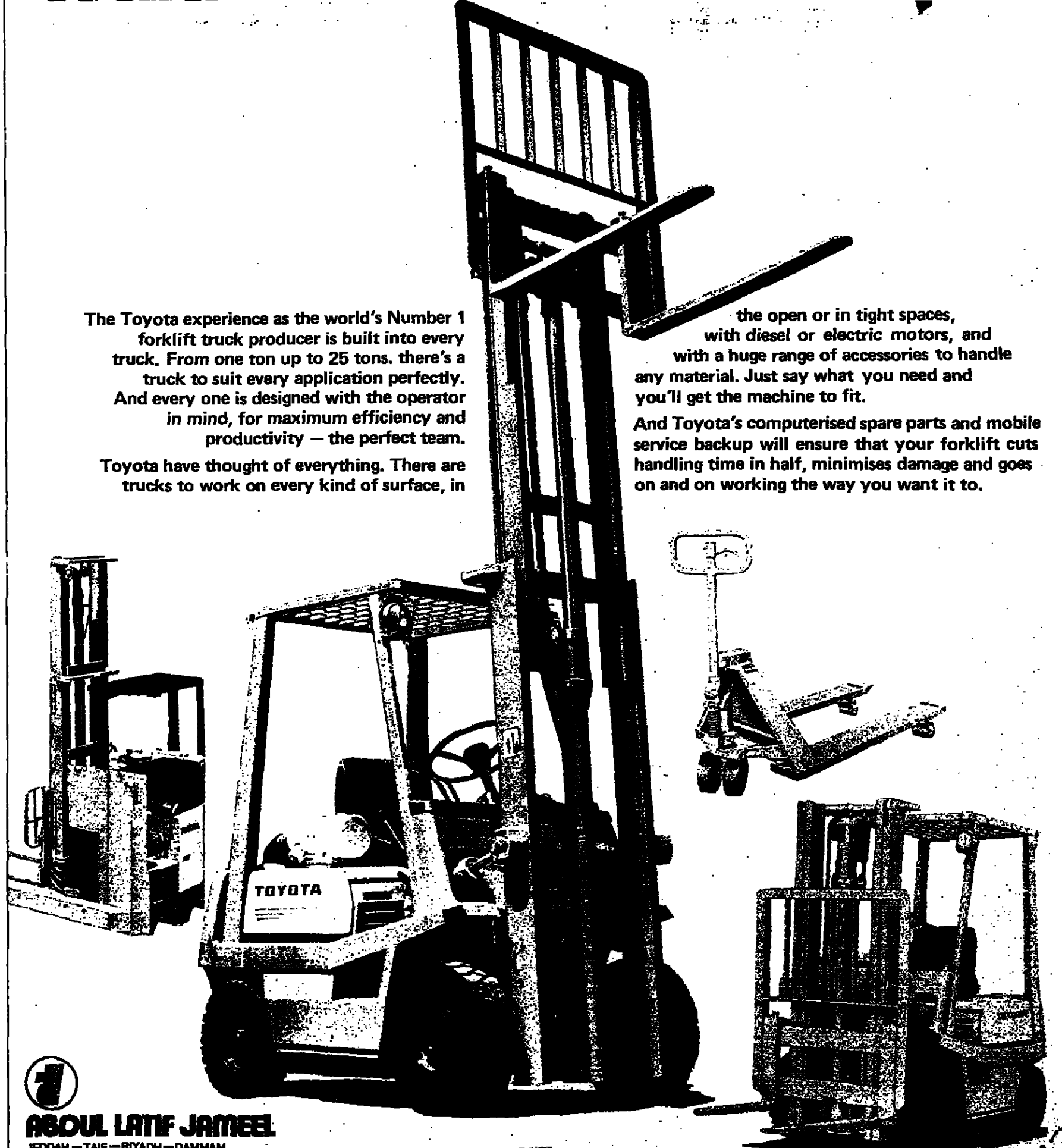
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Orioles take title as Eastern rivals Brewers downed

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (AP) — The Baltimore Orioles clinched the American League East division title Saturday when the second-place Milwaukee Brewers lost a 6-3 decision to the Minnesota Twins.

The Brewers are now 10½ games behind the Orioles with eight games to play. Baltimore has 8 games left, including Saturday night's doubleheader against the Cleveland Indians.

The California Angels, meanwhile, opened ground in the AL West by beating the Texas Rangers 3-1 while the Kansas City Royals were losing 2-0 to the Oakland A's. The results left the pace-setting Angels three games in front of the Royals.

Hosken Powell and Rob Wilson each knocked in two runs in Minnesota's second straight victory over the Brewers. Mike Marshall saved Roger Erickson's third victory with his 32nd save of the season.

Bobby Grich led off the seventh inning with his 29th home run and Chris Knapp hurled a five-hitter to pace California's victory. Matt Keough scattered seven hits to lead Oakland past Kansas City. The victory was only the second of the season for Keough, who had lost 14 straight games at one point.

Elsewhere in afternoon action, Oscar Gamble hit a pair of homers, Jerry Narron powered a three-run shot and Reggie Jack-

son added a solo homer to lead the New York Yankees to a 7-4 decision over the Toronto Blue Jays.

In the National League, Bruce Kison and Kent Tekulve combined on a four-hitter and Phil Garner drove in one run and scored another as the Pittsburgh Pirates snapped a three-game losing streak with a 4-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs.

John Denny and Roy Thomas combined on a five-hitter and Lou Brock tied the all-time career stolen base record with his 937th career steal as the St. Louis Cardinals downed the New York Mets 6-3 in the opener of a doubleheader.

George Hendrick hit a two-run homer and Bob Forsch scattered seven hits as the Cardinals won the second game 3-2.

Phil Niekro hurled five perfect innings and wound up with a two-hitter as the Atlanta Braves whipped the San Francisco Giants 10-2 behind the home-run hitting of Bob Horner and Gary Matthews.

Mike Schmidt's RBI single with two out in the 10th inning gave the Philadelphia Phillies a 9-8 victory over the Montreal Expos in the first game of a two-night doubleheader. The Expos came back to win the second game 8-2 as Larry Parrish blasted two bases-empty homers and knocked in four runs.

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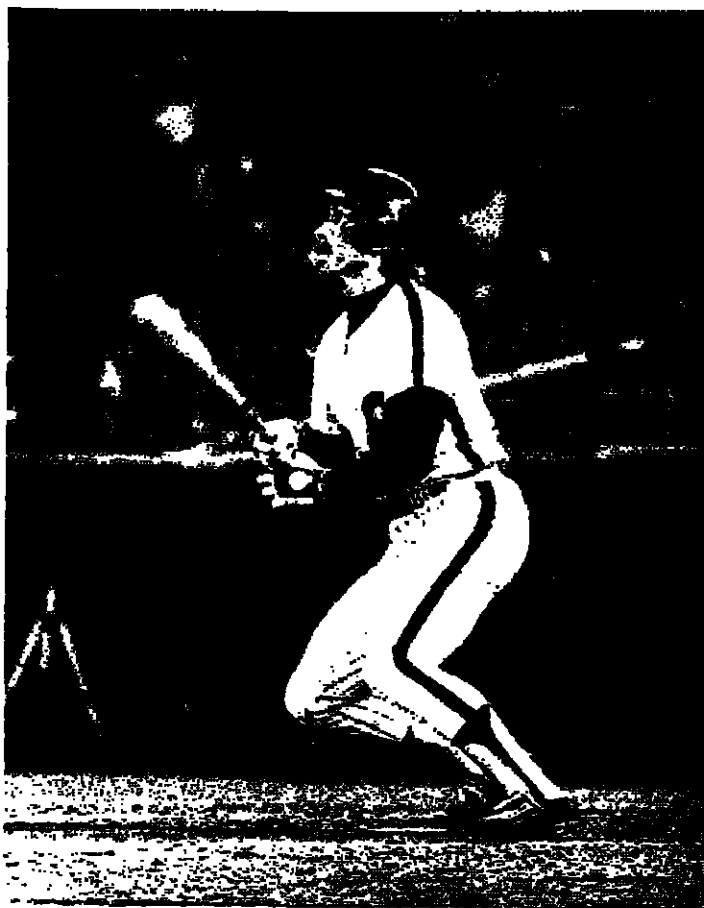
National League East			
Montreal	92	60	605
Pittsburgh	92	61	601
St. Louis	82	71	536
Philadelphia	81	74	523
Chicago	78	76	506
New York	36	97	366
American League East			
Baltimore	87	68	561
Houston	86	68	558
Los Angeles	75	80	456
San Francisco	68	87	439
San Diego	65	90	419
Atlanta	61	91	401
National League West			
Baltimore	99	53	451
Milwaukee	90	64	594
Boston	86	66	566
New York	82	71	536
Detroit	82	72	532
Cleveland	78	75	510
Toronto	52	103	355
American League West			
California	84	71	542
Kansas City	81	74	523
Minnesota	81	74	523
Texas	78	77	503
Chicago	68	85	444
Seattle	64	91	413
Oakland	53	102	343

Fleming goes to L.A. final

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 23 (AP) — Peter Fleming downed Victor Amaya 7-6, 6-3 Saturday to earn a berth in the singles finals of the Jack Kramer Open tennis tournament at Pauley Pavilion.

Fleming, seeded eighth, will face the winner of the semifinal match between top-seeded John McEnroe and 16th-seeded Eliot Teltscher for the tournament championship.

Fleming won a tie-breaker 7-3 to capture the first set and then had it easier in the second against the unseeded Amaya. There were only three service breaks in the 88-minute match, one each in the first set and one by Fleming in the second set.



MIKE SCHMIDT: Gives Phillies 9-8 victory over Expos.

Women's play

Young leads Kansas golf

OVERLAND PARK, Kansas, Sept. 12 (AP) — Donna Caponi Young, making a bid for her first tournament victory since winning the LPGA championship three months ago, fired a three-under-par 70 Saturday to take a three-stroke lead into the final round of the LPGA Kansas City Classic.

The blonde-haired, blue-eyed veteran from Los Angeles broke out of a three-way tie for first by birdying the third, seventh, eleventh and 12th holes on the par-73, 6,273-yard Brookridge Country Club course and finished the day at 211, eight-under-par for three rounds.

"I kept saying that if I made some putts I'd shoot a low number," she said. Her only problem was a three-putt bogey on 18.

The other leaders after two rounds of the 76-hole tournament, second-year player Amer-

ican Barbara Moyness and rookie Cathy Sherk of Ontario, fell behind Young after running into bogey problems.

Sherk double-bogeyed the first hole and needed five birdies to finish at 73 and in a second-place tie at 214 with Sandra Post of the U.S.

Moyness followed rounds of 70 and 71 with a four-bogey 75 to drop into a three-way tie for third at 216.

Also five strokes behind young were Americans Marlene Hagge, who had a 72, and Jerilyn Britz with a 74.

The day's best round was turned in by Amy Alcott of the U.S. She fired a 68 and fired the final round with a three-day total of 220.

The tour's top money-winner, American Nancy Lopez, bypassed the tournament, which is played for the benefit of the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Wolves depose United to lead League

LONDON, Sept. 23 (R) — Andy Gray, the costliest player in British football, repaid some of the £1.5 million splashed out on him by Wolverhampton Wanderers with a goal-scoring home debut against First Division leader Manchester United.

Gray scored the second goal that sent Wolverhampton soaring to a 3-1 win and knocked United off its perch at the top of the table.

European champion Nottingham Forest, which drew 1-1 at Bristol City, and Crystal Palace, 2-1 winner at Stoke City, both moved ahead of United with better goal records. All three clubs have ten points from seven games.

Wolverhampton's win edged it forward into fifth place, just behind Norwich City, which came away from its visit to League champion Liverpool with a goalless draw.

Wolverhampton's biggest crowd for two years turned out to greet Gray's arrival at the club but fellow Scot Lou Macari stole his thunder at the start when he shot Manchester United into an eight minute lead.

But the tide gradually turned against United and goals by Ken Hibbert, Gray and John Richards propelled Wolves to victory, its fourth in six League games.

Nottingham Forest had 17-

year-old Striker Gary Mills to thank for restoring it to top spot in the First Division. Jimmy Mann put Bristol City in front with a goal from 40 meters in the first half and Forest made little headway until Mills snatched a 73rd minute equalizer.

Crystal Palace, newly promoted to the First Division, also conceded an early goal when Dennis Smith put Stoke ahead after eight minutes. But Palace rallied with two second-half goals that left it with the only beaten record in the division.

Liverpool's disappointing start to the season continued as it failed to overcome Norwich in front of its home crowd.

The same fixture last season ended in a 6-0 win for Liverpool and the problems were compounded by an injury to leading scorer David Johnson.

Apart from Wolverhampton, Bottom Club Manchester City was the only other First Division side to score three goals as it thrashed Coventry 3-0 at home. Mike Robinson, Jim Holton and Steve McKenzie scored for City, Holton's being an own goal.

The afternoon's action was marred by a bad tempered game at Bolton where the home team's Neil McNab and Leeds United's Brian Flynn were sent off for fighting. Argentine World Cup star Osvaldo Ardiles was one of several players booked for fouls in the match between Tottenham Hot-

spur and West Bromwich Albion and Derby's game against Middlesbrough was held up when Glass was thrown on the pitch.

Results:

Division One	
Wolves	3
Manchester United	1
Nottingham Forest	1
Bristol City	1
Crystal Palace	2
Stoke	1
Liverpool	0
Coventry	3
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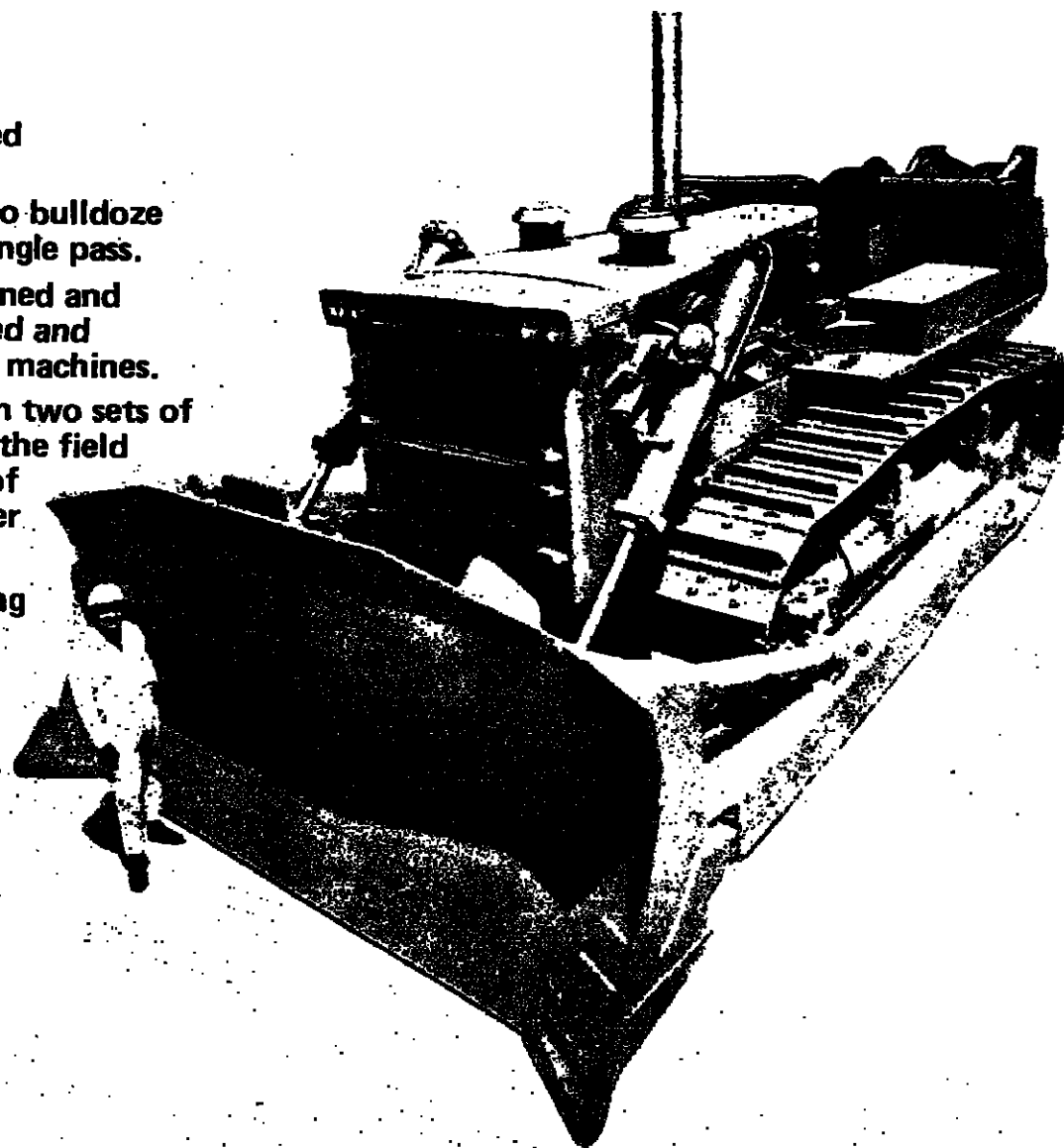
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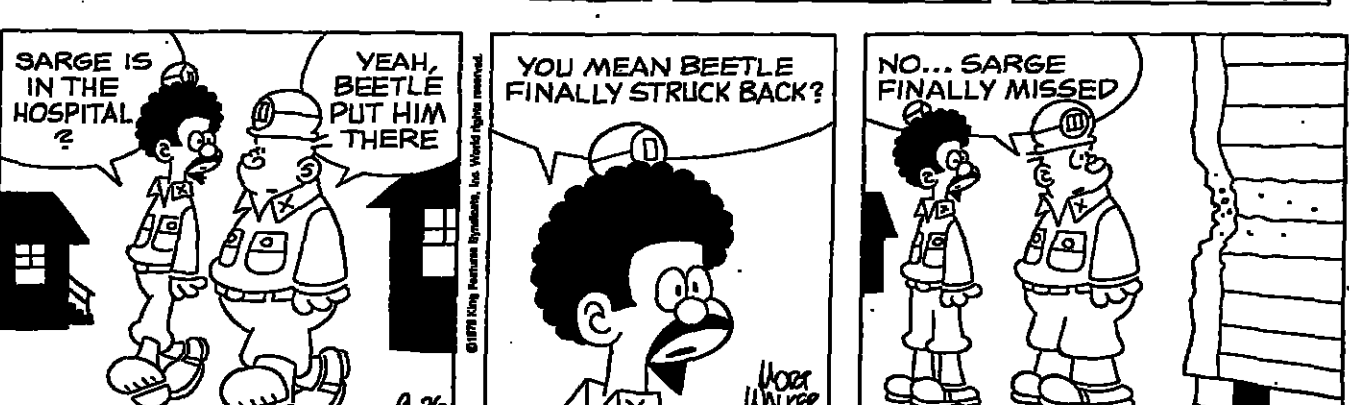
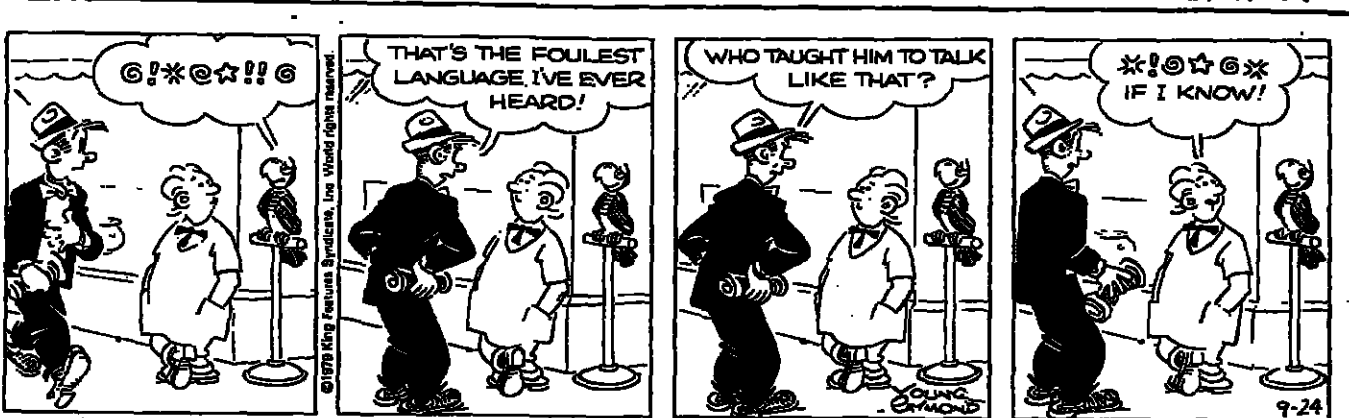
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Dennis the Menace



...AND DON'T WORRY ABOUT THE FLOOR... RUFF'S CLEANIN' THAT UP."

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword
by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

- 1 Bog down
- 2 Metallic fastener
- 3 Dutch town
- 4 Freshets
- 5 Stacked
- 6 Ironwood tree
- 7 French playwright
- 8 Signet ring
- 9 Oceanic
- 10 Soda fountain
- 11 Phonician capital
- 12 Tracy or Remick
- 13 Certainly
- 14 Recognized
- 15 Give in
- 16 Infrequent
- 17 Housework
- 18 Incessant
- 19 Cocktail
- 20 Nun
- 21 Shee qua
- 22 Every bit
- 23 Director, Abby
- 24 Haystack item
- 25 Some time back
- 26 Prophet
- 27 Nobleman
- 28 Down
- 29 Fictional lawyer
- 30 Sultan's ruling

DOWN

- 101 The Holy Quran
- 102 Message to the Faithful
- 103 Light Music
- 104 NEWS
- 105 S.A. A. Daily Chronicle
- 106 Melody Makers
- 107 Youth Welfare
- 108 Music
- 109 Hot Rock
- 110 The Golden Age
- 111 Imp. Com. & Recollections
- 112 Music
- 113 Mood Music
- 114 A Rendezvous with Dreams
- 115 Close Down

Yesterday's Answer

- 1 Superman on earth
- 2 Oceanic
- 3 Electra's brother
- 4 Soda
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DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE - Here's how to work it:
AXYDLBAAXE
LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

NW DNE TFAWP QERWM NW NUP
REG WULRWB FP TWRWLEKP
DFGN EGNWL ZWEZVW'P VUXEL. —
TWLTW IWLRLH PNUD
Yesterday's Cryptquote: THE BEST THING WE GET FROM HISTORY IS THE ENTHUSIASM IT ROUSES. — GOETHE

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Two Heads Are Better Than One

North dealer.
East-West vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 9 5 4 2
♥ 8
♦ 10 7 3
♣ K Q 10 7

EAST
♠ A 10 8 7
♥ 9
♦ A 8 5
♣ A 8 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 10 7 4 3
♥ 6 2
♦ A J 9 2

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 4♥ Dble

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

The backbone of good defense is partnership cooperation. The defenders generally start the play knowing little about their combined resources, but from that point on they exchange as much information as possible to reveal declarer's cards and so get the most out of their own.

Their basic aim in most deals is to defeat the contract, and all their plays are geared to that goal. If a defender happens to make an unusual play, his partner is expected to grasp its meaning.

There is a typical case. West leads the king of diamonds and East signals for a continuation by playing the nine. West does not have to obey the signal if he thinks a continuation may be harmful, and, in the actual case, West switches to a club. He hopes to get a club ruff, either immediately or later, and so gain a trick for the defense.

Declarer wins in dummy at trick one and continues the suit, or if East fails to appreciate the import of the club switch at trick two, South makes four hearts doubled. It is of course tempting for East to play the ace of spades upon winning the ace of diamonds, but, if he did that, South would ruff and make the contract. Instead, East should demonstrate his confidence in partner by returning a club at trick six.

ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES						
MONDAY	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:58	6:15	12:20	3:43	6:19	7:49
Medina	4:57	6:12	12:21	3:47	6:20	7:50
Nejd	4:27	5:45	11:50	3:14	5:49	7:19

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Children's Show	Sesame Street 1180
5:44 World Sportsman	New Zealand Trout
6:13 Chico and the man	Champs ain't Chupms
6:38 Most Wanted	It's all done with Mirrors
7:28 Most Wanted	Ms. Murder
8:25 Lifeline	Dr. Wilson
9:12 Second Run	David Copperfield

WEATHER

Moderate weather will prevail in most parts. It will be fine in the western and south-western highlands, and cloud will cover the area. Winds will blow northerly to north-westerly at moderate speed. They will be active in the central, northern and southern regions, causing occasional sand haze. Sea conditions in territorial waters will be moderate.

Sunday's temperature (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	40	29	Tabuk	33	18
Jeddah	36	28	Turaf	32	15
Riyadh	40	25	Rafha	41	23
Dhahran	35	24	Bisha	36	19
Medina	41	29	Sulayil	41	21
Taif	34	21	Abha	30	14

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2:00 Opening	10:05 Message to the Faithful
2:01 The Holy Quranic	10:10 Light Music
2:05 Gems of Guidance	10:15 NEWS
2:10 S.A. — Historical Notes	10:25 S.A. A. Daily Chronicle
2:20 On Islam	11:30 Melody Makers
2:30 Hits in Germany	11:00 Youth Welfare
3:00 NEWS	11:10 Music
3:10 Press Review	11:15 Hot Rock
3:15 Music	11:45 The Golden Age
3:20 Islamic Activities	12:00 Imp. Com. & Recollections
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3:50 Close Down	12:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams
Evening Transmission	1:00 Close Down
10:00 Opening	

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opening: Analyses
	News Summary
8:00 News Roundup:	10:30 VOC Magazine:
Reports: Actualities:	America; Science;
Opinion: Analyses	Cultural; Letter
8:30 Dateline	11:00 Special English: News
News Summary	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
9:00 Special English:	
News: Feature: The	VOA WORLD REPORT
Making of a Nation	Midnight
News Summary	12:00 News newsmakers'
9:30 Music USA:	voices correspondents
(Standard)	reports background
10:00 News Roundup:	features media comments
Reports: Actualities	news analyses.

BBC

Morning Transmission	
8.00 World News	4.09 Twenty-Four Hours:
8.09 Twenty-Four Hours	News Summary
News Summary	4.30 The Pleasure of Yours
8.30 Sarah Ward	5.15 Report on Religion
8.45 World Today	6.00 Radio Newsreel
9.00 Newsdesk	6.15 Outlook
9.30 Opera Star	
10.00 World News	7.00 World News
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours	7.09 Commentary
News Summary	7.15 Sherlock Holmes
10.30 Sarah Ward	7.45 World Today
10.45 Something to Show You	
11.00 World News	8.00 World News
11.09 Reflections	8.09 Books and Writers
11.15 Piano Style	8.30 Take One
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	8.45 Sports Round-up
12.00 World News	9.00 World News
12.09 British Press Review	9.09 News about Britain
12.15 World Today	9.15 Radio Newsreel
12.30 Financial News	9.30 Farming World
12.40 Look Ahead	10.00 Outlook News Summary
12.45 The Tony Myatt	10.39 Stock Market Report
	10.43 Look Ahead
	10.45 Ulster in Focus
Evening Transmission	
1.15 Ulster in Focus	11.00 World News
1.30 Discovery	11.09 Twenty-Four Hours:
2.00 World News	News Summary
2.09 News about Britain	12.15 Talkabout
2.15 Alphabet of Musical	12.45 Nature Notebook
Curios	
2.30 Sports International	1.00 World News
2.40 Radio Newsreel	1.09 World Today
3.15 Promenade Concert	1.25 Financial News
3.45 Sports Round-up	1.35 Book Choice
4.00 World News	1.40 Reflections
	1.45 Sports Round-up
	2.00 World News
	2.09 Commentary
	2.15 The Face of England

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake
FOR MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 1978

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth Sign.

ARIES
(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
You may be troubled about a work situation, but talks with loved ones give you a new perspective. Evening brings support from others.

TAURUS
(Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
A loved one shares with you some private thoughts and this should relieve any doubts you have about the relationship. Work goes well.

GEMINI
(May 21 to June 20) ♊
Don't get upset about household tasks, children and loved ones will help you out. Save time from creative work and hobbies.

CANCER
(June 21 to July 22) ♋
If you're not in the mood to go out, invite others to your place. Consider investments in real estate. Happiness on the home front.

LEO
(July 23 to Aug. 22) ♌
Don't keep troubles to yourself. Talking things over with loved ones relieves tension with joy. Keep in touch with relatives.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
You're thinking may be in a rut, until later you come up with some new money-making ideas. Creative work has financial potential.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Handle financial matters personally. Charm and friendliness are your allies now. Your manner attracts to you new opportunity.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
You may not wish to fulfil a social obligation. Chances are your hunch is right. Spending private moments with a loved one satisfies.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
You may have difficulty completing a task or be worried about a career matter. Friends will get you out of yourself. Be sociable.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
You may feel awkward at a social situation. Give it a chance though, and you'll soon be in the swim of things. Time to unwind.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Doubts about a career matter will be alleviated if you seek the proper adviser. Publishing, education, and travel are favorably accented.

PISCES
(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
Not a time to get something for nothing. Counselors will cooperate once they learn you're not seeking free advice. Fair is fair.

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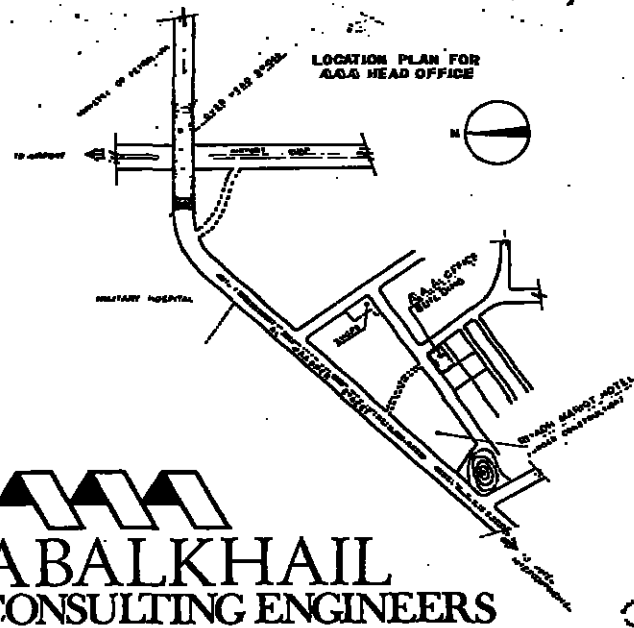
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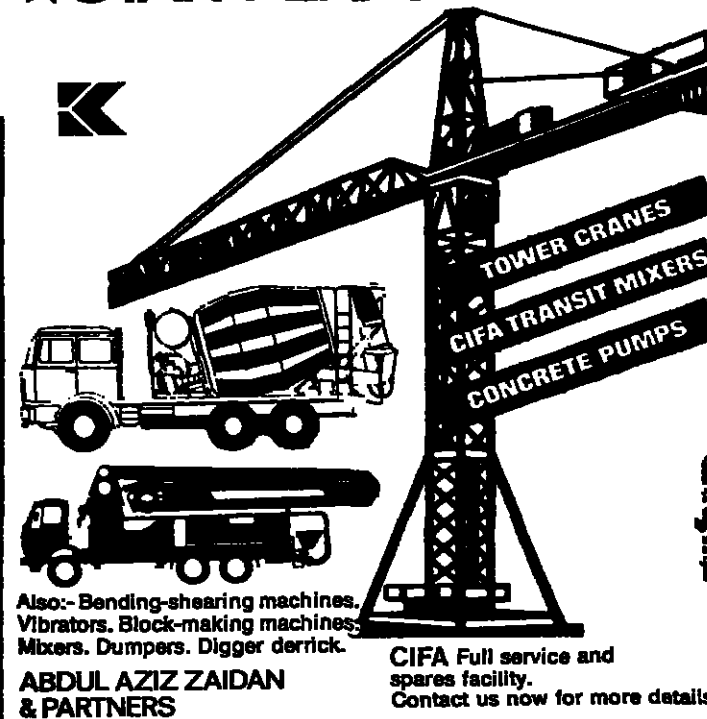
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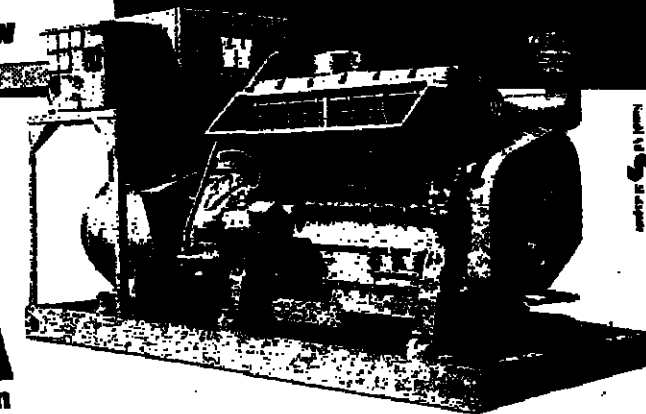
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International

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Talks resume today

Long road still to hoe on Rhodesia

By Maureen Johnson

LONDON, Sept. 23 (AP) — If agreement on how many parliamentary seats Zimbabwe Rhodesia's three per cent white minority can have could stop the war, the two-week-old British-sponsored peace talks here would be looking good.

But it's not that simple. The conditional agreement Friday by Abel Muzorewa, the country's first black prime minister, to drop the strong white powers entrenched in his unrecognized constitution, improves Britain's chances of getting the opposing guerrilla movement also into line on a new constitution.

It means too that Britain's Conservative government is likely to be under unprecedented pressure at its annual party congress next month to end crippling trade embargoes imposed on the previous white-minority government.

But it leaves the talks a long way from the stated aim of ending the seventh-year war and leading the rebel colony to recognized independence.

That, the Patriotic Front guerrilla alliance insists, can be done only by getting rid of Muzorewa, setting up a new transition administration, and building a new national army with their Communist-armed fighters at the "core."

And some British sources were saying privately, as the talks entered a third week, they rated as low as 20 per cent the chances of an overall settlement — so wide are the differences between the warring parties.

For Moscow talks

Chinese delegation arrives

MOSCOW, Sept. 23 (AP) — China's delegation to the Sino-Soviet normalization talks arrived in Moscow Sunday amid a continuing propaganda war by the hostile Communist superpowers.

The delegation's aircraft touched down at 1430 Moscow time at Sheremetyevo airport, three hours behind schedule.

Chinese delegation chief Wang Youping, a deputy foreign minister and until recently Ambassador to Moscow, smiled and shook hands warmly with Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister and China specialist Leonid F. Ilyichov.

Also present at the welcome was a second Soviet sinologist, Mikhail S. Kapitsa, who heads the China section of the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

In a statement distributed at the airport, Wang said "we earnestly hope that the coming negotiations will bring about a genuine improvement in relations between our two countries."

"We also hold that differences between China and the Soviet Union should not hamper the maintenance and development of



Ian Smith

In what appeared to be carefully vague terms, the American-educated Methodist Bishop Muzorewa announced his racial delegation's acceptance of the "general principles" of Britain's constitutional draft — with white leader Ian Smith alone dissenting.

Muzorewa was clear about demanding an immediate end to the trade embargoes, applied by Britain and the United States and backed by the United Nations.

But his qualifying statement, on which he would not be questioned, was cloudy.

"This acceptance is subject to the satisfactory working out of the many details concerned with these proposals and the subsequent steps that will then have to be taken," he said.

British officials hope it means Muzorewa

— earlier adamant he came to London only to discuss a new constitution — will take part in debate on setting up a new transition administration, and preparations for fresh elections.

The safest interpretation is that Muzorewa will not actually change his constitution until he gets something in return.

Smith, who fought hard to get the white veto powers entrenched in the constitution he worked out in last year's "internal settlement" with moderate black leaders, looked isolated and unhappy.

He was deserted by the other white ministers in the delegation as he protested through the week's bargaining behind closed doors that veto powers and special safeguards are essential for the confidence of the dwindling 230,000 white population.

His white colleagues expressed concern, but in the end were resigned. Some said privately they had lost control of their political destiny anyway and their only hope now lay in Muzorewa getting a deal from the British.

"When you look round the table," said one white minister referring to the guerrilla leaders, "you know we could do a lot worse. We must sink or swim with Muzorewa."

Smith, the veteran politician who for years outmaneuvered British attempts to get him to concede black rule, registered the sole protest in a secret ballot on the British draft among the 10 black and two white senior members of Muzorewa's team.

Smith said bitterly later his protest would give whites and other minority groups at home "a little bit of hope that at least somebody is still battling from them here."

The British draft allows whites 20 per cent of parliamentary seats for an initial period. But they lose the power they now have, with 28 per cent of the seats, to block constitutional change for up to a decade. Other sections of the draft mean whites will no longer be able to control the top military, civil and judicial posts.

This week, when Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington's deputy Sir Ian Gilmour takes the chair, the spotlight will fall on the Patriotic Front guerrilla leaders Robert Mugabe and Joshua Nkomo. Carrington leaves to attend the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

Penn State, Pitt

Two top college teams upset

NEW YORK, Sept. 23 (AP) — Saturday was a black day for two of the nation's top-20 ranked college football teams. Sixth-ranked Penn State, a 10-point favorite over previously winless Texas A and M, lost 27-14 and No. 13 Pittsburgh, a mild favorite, dropped a 17-7 decision to North Carolina.

Curtis Dickey, A and M's, all-time leading rusher, was Penn State's major nemesis. The senior tailback, who is the two-time indoor NCAA 60-yard dash champion, raced for 184 yards and touchdowns of 69, 111 and 21 yards.

Leading 14-7 at halftime, the Aggies kept command with a quick six-play, 50-yard drive, capped by Dickey's 21-yard romp into the end zone. In the fourth period, Dickey sped 33 yards to the Penn State 2-yard line and David Brothers dove over for the score.

While Penn State was being embarrassed at home, Pitt's troubles came on the road, Tobacco Road. Unbeaten North Carolina benefited from quarterback Matt Kupec's two touchdowns and linebacker Buddy Curry's two interceptions to delight the home folks in Chapel Hill, N.C.

The Tar Heels scored their third offensive play when Kupec threw a 43-yard pass to Phil Farris. Kupec also scored on a 1-yard sneak after North Carolina gained possession at the Pitt 14-yard line when Lee Shaffer recovered a fumble.

In another mild upset, 17th-ranked Purdue won the battle of Indiana by rallying from 13 points down to beat No. 5 Notre Dame 20-22.

In night action: Second-ranked Alabama let Baylor cross midfield just once in the first three periods while Steadman Shealy and Major Ogilvie keyed a 431-yard ground assault and powered the Crimson Tide to a 45-0 victory.

On Hong Kong

Tropical storm Mac claims one life

HONG KONG, Sept. 23 (AP) — One person was killed and 48 others injured Sunday as severe tropical storm Mac pounded Hong Kong with lashing rains and winds of more than 70 miles per hour.

A 45-year-old man was killed when he fell and sustained head injuries while working on a tugboat near the Hong Kong-Macao ferry pier. The accident was reported caused by heavy seas and strong gusts of wind.

A taxi driver and his two passengers were injured when the taxi skidded on a flooded street and overturned on Hong Kong island. They were reported to be in satisfactory condition.

Of the injured, only nine have been admitted to hospitals, a government spokesman said.

At 5 p.m. the Royal Observatory said Mac was centered about 45 nautical miles southwest of Hong Kong, moving slowly toward the South China Coast.

About 51.5 millimeters of rain were recorded by the Royal Observatory during a one-hour period, a spokesman said.

A Cathay Pacific Airways flight carrying the British minister of state for foreign and Commonwealth affairs, Peter Blaker, to Hong Kong from Singapore was diverted to Taipei, the civil aviation department reported.



President Carter

Carter says low job rating 'unimportant'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 23 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter says his low standing in public opinion polls will have "relatively little significance" for the outcome of the 1980 presidential election.

Carter, whose approval rating stands at the lowest point of any president in the 30-year history of opinion polling, said the "relatively transient public opinion polls" would count for less in an election than his "superb" record and his character, his political organization and the zeal of his supporters.

"In this present political environment, it is almost impossible" for any president to rate high with a majority of Americans," he said in an interview Friday with out of town editors and broadcasters. The White House released a transcript of the interview Saturday.

Carter said he has not received proper credit for his accomplishments. He said news organizations focus attention on his defeats and he said the polls themselves may not be accurately measuring positive feelings toward him because they don't count "fair" as a positive rating.

"Where I come from, which is Southwest Georgia...if somebody says 'I think he's doing a fair job,' that is a high approval," the president said.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

A famous German conductor told this story. He said the more famous he became the more indispensable to the orchestra, even to the art of music, he thought himself. One day, a small incident showed him how foolish this was. In the heat of conducting his baton broke. As he wondered whether to continue with a broken baton or stop to get a new one, he began noticing a surreptitious movement throughout the orchestra. Looking closely he saw that each member was taking out of his pocket a brand new baton, trying to attract the conductor's attention to take it instead of his broken one.

The moral of the story for him was that each and every member nourished a dream of conducting the orchestra himself. Each had thought it worthwhile to carry a baton "just in case." So the conductor thought, no one is really indispensable. Thousands are waiting in the wing to take their chance.

I remembered the story as we started in earnest to prepare for our monthly cultural review *Al-Risala Al-Jadida*. As the *Ashary* staff learned of the intention, and saw the comings and goings of the literary and artistic figures who were to run and contribute to the review, a new thoughtful mood appeared to overtake them.

Now I have always thought that literary writing was the acme of the writer's art.

Translated from *Ashary Al-Awsat*

'Nobody wants him'

Bokassa still sitting on runway

EVREUX, France, Sept. 23 (R) — Jean Bedel Bokassa, the deposed dictator of the Central African Empire was a virtual prisoner Sunday while France tried to persuade some other country to give him sanctuary.

The once swaggering Central African ruler whose name became a byword for cruelty, cooled his heels for the second night running

on board a jet parked on this French Air Force base. (see related story, Page 8)

But, despite the fact that he has French as well as Central African nationality, the French government said Sunday Bokassa was not welcome here because of his atrocious human rights record.

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